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Quebec to take Jews from CIS

By
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MONTREAL —

Between 300 and 400 Jews from the former Soviet Union, sponsored by the Montreal Jewish community, will be admitted to Quebec this year, under an historic accord signed recently with the Quebec government.

Immigration and Cultural Communities Minister Monique Gagnon-Tremblay, Allied Jewish Community Services president Harvey Wolfe and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services Montreal president Robert Kleinman signed the agreement for a pilot project, described by the minister as the first of its kind and a model for other ethnic groups in the province.

Over 1992, JIAS and AJCS will propose candidates to the ministry, which promises to speed up the selection process with the co-operation of its immigration office in Vienna.

One hundred principal applicants will be accepted, according to existing criteria under the law, from the Commonwealth of Independent States, Baltic countries and Georgia. With their spouses and children, the total could reach 400 persons.

If this first year is successful, Gagnon-Tremblay said a similar program might continue through 1993.

AJCS and JIAS agree to underwrite the immigrants' basic needs for a year, including housing, food and clothing. In addition, they will play an active part in their integration, particularly helping them find work.

Upon their arrival, the immigrants will enrol in the government-sponsored French courses, called COFI. A stipend is paid to those in this program.

Quebec will also assist those who wish to learn French before they arrive by furnishing teaching materials to the selected candidates. The government is also making arrangements with the Alliance francaise for French courses in the different states the immigrants are to come from.

The signing of the accord in the AJCS boardrooms follows on several months of negotiations between the ministry and the Jewish community, which asked Quebec for help in easing the immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union. (Jews from the former Soviet Union are not automatically accepted as refugees anymore by Canada.)

Gagnon-Tremblay visited Moscow last October, accompanied by Joel Moss, the Montreal director of JIAS. There, she met with Russian Jews, who she said, spoke of their fear of anti-Semitism and belief that they had to leave.

"I returned from this trip, not only ready to help them, but in particular more conscious than ever that the Russian Jews represent a potentially very interesting immigration for Quebec and that, thanks to the collaboration and spirit of mutual aid of Quebecers of Jewish origin, these people will have every chance to integrate quickly into our society," she said.

She observed that these immigrants will add to the Montreal Jewish community's size and dynamism.

"This agreement reflects a convergence of the interests of Quebec and those of the Jewish community. It reflects, on one hand, the traditional sensitivity of Quebec to the humanitarian aspects of immigration and demonstrates that the Quebec government wants to give the chance of a better life to Jews who feel threatened in Russia.

"It equally shows that we understand the worries of our Jewish compatriots regarding the future of their relatives in the former Soviet Union.

"On the other hand, this agreement indicates that the Jewish community understands and supports the aspirations of the Quebec people regarding the protection and promotion of the French fact."

AJCS president Wolfe said welcoming immigration is part of a strategy to ensure the Quebec Jewish community's continuity — AJCS's stated top priority.

"This collaborative effort is a marvellous manifestation of public-private partnership," he said.

He stressed that volunteers will play a key role in getting the immigrants settled.

Local JIAS president Kleinman said helping Soviet Jews is in keeping with JIAS's mission to help endangered Jews and added that the newcomers will boost the community's declining population.

Moreover, he suggested the accord should counter charges that Quebecers are insensitive to anti-Semitism.

Also present for the signing, which was toasted with champagne, was John Parisella, Premier Robert Bourassa's chief of staff.

He explained that his presence was a signal that the government is aware of the importance of working with the Jewish community and of its contributions to Quebec.

He praised the attachment Jews have for such values as humanitarianism, tolerance and fighting oppression, and recalled his friendship with a Holocaust survivor.

Before the signing, Gagnon-Tremblay had a brief tour of AJCS's Cummings House, including the JIAS office, Jewish Public Library and Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre.

At the latter, she seemed particularly struck by a 1933 letter from the St. Jean Baptiste Society asking the federal government to refuse entry to German Jewish refugees.

"Incroyable," she said, shaking her head.

RED BERET TIME

Following the completion of their basic training, paratroopers traditionally carry out a 70-kilometre hike that finishes on Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem and receive the coveted red beret of the paratroopers. A paratrooper sergeant waits with an armful of berets for the new trainees. [IPPA photo]

Syrian Jewish brothers released from prison

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

There was dancing in the streets of the ancient Jewish quarter of Damascus last Sunday night with the unexpected release from jail of the Jewish brothers Eli and Selim Swed.

The Sweds were the last two Jews being held in prison in Syria.

No reason was given by Syrian authorities for the brothers' release, said Judy Feld Carr, chairman of the National Force for Syrian Jews. Carr received the news from Canada's ambassador to Syria, Martin Collacott, and from the French ambassador to Syria.

The Sweds were arrested in late 1987. No official reason was given at the time, although observers speculated it was because they visited relatives in Israel. The Syrians spoke vaguely of espionage and treason.

Eli Swed, a 30-year-old bachelor, and his brother Selim, a 47-year-old father of seven, were held incommunicado for nearly two years in a secret police detention centre.

Carr said it is almost certain they were tortured.

In October, 1989 they were transfered to the notorious Adra prison in Damascus, where they were permitted family visits.

Last May, the brothers were sentenced to 6½ years imprisonment at an in camera hearing at which their lawyer was not allowed to speak.

No formal charges were ever laid against them.

Carr said she heard from sources in Syria that the brothers' health is good, despite over four years of imprisonment in brutal conditions.

"I'm not just happy, I'm ecstatic," Carr said. "They were in the worst state of depression. At least now they're out."

Carr said she doubts the brothers' release came about as a result of international pressure on Syrian leader Hafez Assad to ease the plight of Jews in his country.

"They don't respond to that sort of thing. They do what they want," she said.

However, Carr praised Canada's External Affairs department for its work on the case. Following the Sweds' sentencing last May, Canada appealed to Assad for clemency. External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall voiced concern for the brothers on several occasions.

Despite the current joyous mood, Carr said it is "urgent, now more than ever" to keep up the fight for Syria's 4,300 Jews, who face harassment, severe restrictions in their everyday lives and constant monitoring by the secret police.

Slavens seeks CJC post

TORONTO —

The nominations committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region has nominated Eric Slavens to serve as national vice-president from the Ontario region.

Slavens is currently chairman of the Ontario region. His three-year term of office comes to a close at this year's National Plenary Assembly, scheduled from May 20-24 in Toronto.

Toronto lawyer Mark Anshan has been nominated to succeed Slavens as Ontario region chairman.

Additional nominations for election to positions as regional chairman and national vice-president from the region must be submitted to Congress' Ontario region office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, April 27.

Correction

A JTA story on the appointment of a security prisoner to the Palestinian negotiating delegation (*CJN*, April 16, page 1), gave an incorrect date for the reconvening of the bilateral talks in Washington. The correct date is April 27, not May 27.

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Canada

Cecil Linder acclaimed actor

By
GERRY MORRIS

TORONTO —

Cecil Linder, for more than four decades one of Canada's most popular actors, died April 10 of complications of emphysema, in Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, at age 71.

He touched many lives and hearts, including mine.

Lifetime friend, actor Alfie Scopp analyzed Linder's enduring appeal. "Cecil gave full measure as an actor, a father, and a friend."

Actor George Sperdakos said, "Cecil was a man of love, a man of laughter, a man any man would be proud to call his friend."

"A consumate professional," said TV director-writer Harry Rasky, who cast Linder in a key role in his documentary on Arthur Miller.

Born in Poland, son of Reverend Rabbi Wolfe Linder and wife Hinda, Cecil grew up in Timmins. Following a three-year stint in the RCAF, his entry into show business came by way of Lorne Greene's Academy of Radio Arts in Toronto. He graduated with honors in 1947, then moved on to work as actor, radio announcer, writer and producer throughout Ontario.

The role that changed his life was in the highly acclaimed CBC production of Arthur Hailey's *Flight into Danger*, which led to scores of British TV productions as well as films and stage plays. Most notable of these was the role of Captain Queeg in the live BBC-TV production of *The Caine Mutiny Court Martial* in 1958. Hollywood columnist Hedda Hopper, in London at the time, devoted a column hailing his astonishing memory and remarkable performance achieved after only three days rehearsal, due to the sudden illness of American star, Paul Douglas. Because of his rugged good looks and distinctive presence, English newspapers dubbed him the Canadian Humphrey Bogart.

"Frankly," he said modestly, "I don't see the connection." He was always unpretentious.

Among Linder's many movie credits was the important role of Felix Leiter, the CIA agent who aided Sean Connery's James Bond in *Goldfinger*. Other credits included *Lolita*, with James Mason, and the Glenda Jackson-George Segal sophisticated comedy, *Touch of Class*.

At one point his career landed him in New York where he charmed millions of viewers as the lead Peter Ames in the soap show *The Secret Storm*, switching after three years to the equally popular *The Edge of Night*.

Cecil Linder

A busy actor, constantly on the go, his stage work took him from New York's illustrious Lincoln Centre (*In The Matter of Robert Oppenheimer*) to the more humble confines of the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

Although he worked steadily in London, Los Angeles, and New York, in later years he preferred being based in Toronto, close to his daughter Nina (his wife predeceased him).

Treasured memories

Rabbi David Monson, a family friend of 60 years, credits Linder's father as being his mentor. In his touching eulogy he said: "Cecil was steeped in Judaism — he had the soul of his mother and father." This was exemplified by his loving attachment to his daughter, sisters Vita Linder and Anna and her husband Sidney Gangbar, brother Saul and his wife Bernice Linder and his nieces and nephews.

The treasured memories of my 40 year friendship with Cecil Linder are stored in that special niche of the brain reserved for life's highlights. He was a buddy for all seasons, a haymishe guy and down-to-earth.

On my last visit to see him, I noticed two scrapbooks on the night table which were filled with his clippings, compiled by Nina. After perusing the two books, I congratulated him on his rich and bountiful career. He looked at me thoughtfully and said, "It's all so fleeting — so transitory. It's not the real stuff that life is made of."

"What is?" I asked.

"Love," he replied.

Menachem Begin eulogized as great warrior, peacemaker

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Menachem Begin was hailed here last week in a shloshim service as a leader who was willing to go to war but who relentlessly pursued peace.

Some 200 people turned out at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue to hear the late Israeli prime minister eulogized as a great warrior and an equally great peacemaker.

Among the dignitaries present at the service were member of Parliament Joe Volpe and MPPs Zanana Akande, Monte Kwinter, David Warner and John Sola.

External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall was supposed to have attended but could not. Instead, she sent a letter hailing Begin and former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat as "prophets before their time" for signing a peace treaty in 1978.

Begin will be remembered as a nation-builder and a peacemaker, McDougall wrote.

Canadian Zionist Federation national president Kurt Rothschild said Begin was willing to wage war but was deeply committed to peace.

Rothschild said Jews everywhere "stand in awe of this giant in history."

Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue recited a memorial prayer.

Oren David, Israel's acting consul general in Toronto, summarized Begin's life, from his early days as a fiery Zionist orator in his native Poland to his role in the Irgun and his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize for the Camp David Accord.

Harry Wolle, chairman of Herut-Likud Canada's central region, read a passage from Begin's autobiography, *The Revolt*.

Keynote speaker Rabbi Reuben Poupko of Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue in Montreal paid tribute to Begin and "the passing of a prince of Israel."

The late Israeli leader was a great paradox, Rabbi Poupko said. He was a slight, intellectual lawyer but a warrior "who struck fear into the hearts" of Palestine's British administrators.

Begin "understood there was nothing wrong with being Jewish. He validated and legitimized being Jewish. He loved everything Jewish."

The late leader suffered many forms of oppression, Rabbi Poupko noted: Nazism, the Soviet gulag, the "cruel arrogance" of the British in Palestine and finally, pan-Arabism.

But throughout, Begin remained unbowed and "inspired love, loyalty and devotion."

The shloshim service was sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation and Herut-Likud Canada.

Yiddish poet to be honored

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Bluehued stones, a purple earth and yellow sand--

What are you a vision, or a land?

From a tribute to Israel by Peretz Miransky in his book *Lines of Song*.

A mischievous wind, full of pranks and charms,

Embraced a young beautiful birch in his arms.

From *Time Cycle* by Peretz Miransky.

The 84-year-old noted Toronto poet who wrote these lines is grievously ill but his friends are going ahead with a tribute gala concert to raise money for an endowment in his name to finance Yiddish artists and writers.

It will be held Monday May 4 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue and since all the musicians and performers are donating their services the admission price of $12 will go to the endowment.

Peretz Miransky

Miransky wrote his beautiful poetry in Yiddish and he struggled over the years to produce acceptable English translations. His wife, Saba, hopes to publish a volume of his poetry in English soon.

Miransky won the coveted Itzik Manger prize for poetry which is considered the Israeli equivalent of the Nobel Prize for literature, and also the prestigious Canadian J.I. Segal award for poetry twice.

Around the world he is known as one of the last two surviving members of the "Young Vilna" group of writers which included Chaim Grade. The other survivor is Avram Sutzkever who lives in Tel Aviv and edits the Yiddish literary journal *The Golden Chain*.

The "Young Vilna" group has carved a permanent niche in the world of Yiddish literature, according to Bess

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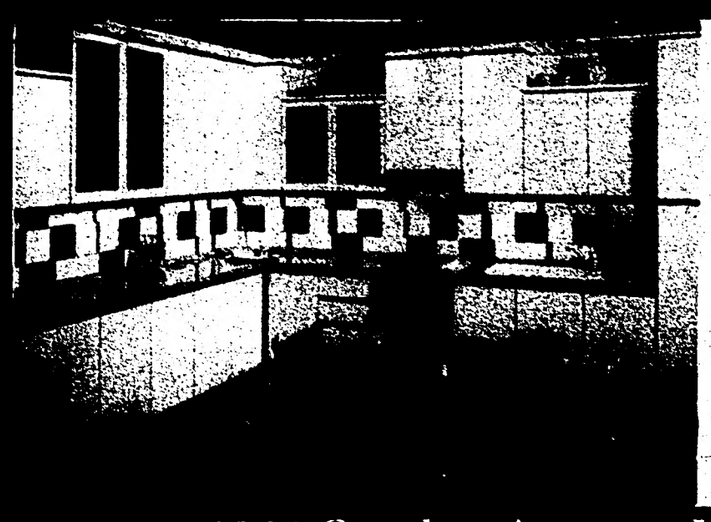

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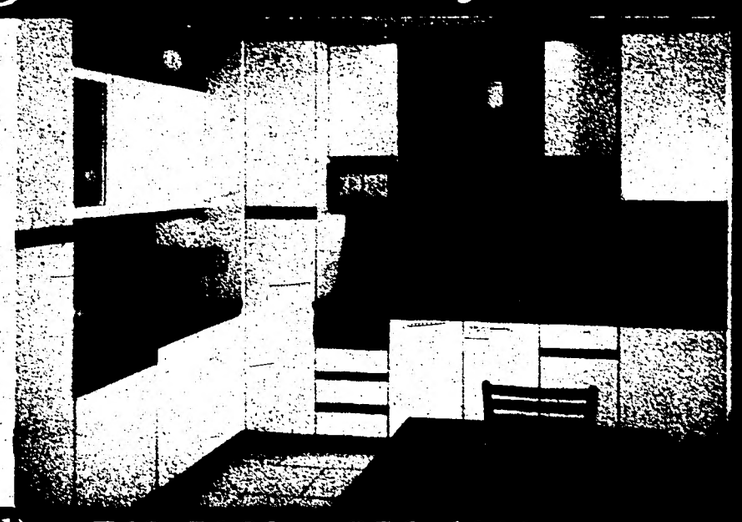

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Court puts stop to hate line

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

Canadian Liberty Net phone messages, which have been stopped temporarily by court order, are "fatuous" and "redolent of disparagement, humiliation and ridicule of the Jews and non-whites," said Federal Court Judge Francis Muldoon when he recently granted an interlocutory injunction against them, at the request of the Canadian Human Rights Commission (CHRC).

The case now goes to a human rights tribunal, which will begin hearings on May 25 in Vancouver.

The request for the injunction was made in Vancouver by Joseph J. Arvay, of Victoria, representing the CHRC. Representing Canadian Liberty Net was Doug Christie, also of Victoria. The judge's 34-page judgment was made available to *The CJN* last week.

The case is being handled by the CHRC rather than the B.C. Human Rights Commission because telephones come under federal jurisdiction. When the tribunal holds its hearings, it will have the right, if it so wishes, to issue a permanent cease and desist order on Canadian Liberty Net and award costs and damages, but it was not able to issue a temporary injunction and had to turn to the Federal Court for this action. The Federal Court, in turn, does not have the authority to order a cease and desist order but did have the right to call for a temporary injunction.

Initial action against the phone organization was taken in December by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region and other ethnic groups. The complaint alleged that Canadian Liberty Net, which operated on a Vancouver phone line, violated Section 13 of the Human Rights Code which prohibits anyone from disseminating hate messages by phone. After holding a hearing, the CHRC agreed to appoint a three-person tribunal to judge the matter further and asked the Federal Court for the temporary injunction until the tribunal hears the case.

"It is not an easy choice to make between freedom of expression and speech on the one hand, and its temporary suppression in the name of sparing people the injury of verbal disparagement just for being what they are," said Muldoon in his judgment. "The court, in its discretion, concludes that the expression of the disparaging words can wait or be stilled pending the deliberations of the [human rights] tribunal."

The judge added, with some sarcasm, that "if the tribunal should find that the respondents' (Canadian Liberty Net) messages do not expose persons to hatred or contempt by reason of their race, national or ethnic origins, color or religion, then it may be noted that, absent some genocidal cataclysm, the respondents will still have plenty of non-pure euros in the population about whom to make their disparaging observations in the future; so they will have suffered no irreparable loss. That position may be contrasted with the pernicious degradation and humiliation cast upon the respondents' human targets."

Judge Muldoon said the CHRC has been given "a wide array of considerable power and discretionary authority" by Parliament and "in its own right is truly the guardian of the federal human rights legislation."

He said it will be the task of the tribunal to determine whether the respondents' messages are truly likely to expose persons to hatred or contempt. If those messages do actually constitute disparagement and ridicule of the "target humans," the court "holds that they are capable of doing the mischief which the Canadian Human Rights Act is emplaced to combat."

The judgment noted that Canadian Liberty Net was a computer-operated message line. It offered a "menu" of messages selectable with a touch-tone phone covering "leadership, history and miscellaneous messages." Leadership messages covered Ernst Zundel's trial in Munich and the claim by the Heritage Front of Toronto that "aliens" bring many problems to Canada.

Messages from the United States attributed Western civilization to white people who kept their "superior race" apart from the "many tribes and races of 'sub-men' who threaten the existence of whites via race-mixing."

The history menu contained two messages denying the Holocaust "or at least the numerical extent of the Nazis' victims."

Commenting on the Holocaust denials, Judge Muldoon said that in the claim that there were "only" 70,000 names in the Auschwitz death books, not 500,000, "is it possible that the Western Allies and the media and the 'lest we forget' organizations have wronged those earnest hard-working Nazis of the 1930s and 40s for slaughtering fewer thousands of fellow human beings than alleged? Tut-tut!"

Another message suggested Canada bring in "a couple of thousand boisterous young Germans to set matters straight" in dealing with a "Brown Nation" gang in Edmonton. The judge asked in this regard: "To do what? To counter-attack? The message does not call upon law-abiding non-violent Canadians of German origin to do anything but rather calls for the immigration of boisterous young Germans — meaning what? Neo-Nazis? to terrorize 'foreigners' in Canada?"

Judge Muldoon said "this is a clear demonstration of a secular anti-social evil. Racism begets racism and violence begets violence in return."

One of the phone messages claimed a "kosher tax" increased costs of certain foods "to have them certified acceptable to Orthodox Jews." The judge ridiculed this "so-called kosher tax" program and said it could be expressed in a legitimate free-speech modality to alert consumers that they are paying extra for a small minority's religious requirements and "that the cost ought justly to be borne by those who cause it to be imposed . . . Freedom of thought, opinion and expression surely allow for and protect that communication and it ridicules no one."

Judge Muldoon went on: "The respondents may be surprised to learn that it is not only Jews who seek kosher food, if not soaps, also. They are referred to the Koran, Surah V, verses 3 and 5."

Appeal quashed

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

The Federal Court of Appeal has quashed an appeal by former Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens, ruling that under the Citizenship Act, there is no recourse from a trial judge's finding that Luitjens obtained his citizenship through misrepresentation.

The court, however, left the door open to an appeal at a later time, when Luitjens' constitutional rights might be affected.

In a unanimous three-judge decision, the court ruled that the Citizenship Act explicitly bars appeals of a trial judge's finding of fact — in this case that Luitjens lied to obtain Canadian citizenship.

Luitjens's rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms were not violated by the legislation, the court ruled, since his right to life, liberty and security of the person were unaffected by the trial judge's findings of fact.

Luitjens is a native of Holland who immigrated to Canada from Paraguay in 1961. Evidence at his 29-day citizenship trial showed that he was convicted in absentia by a post-war Dutch court for collaborating with Nazi occupying forces and given a life sentence.

Shortly after the trial court's findings, an Order-in-Council stripped him of his citizenship.

In the wake of the Appeal Court decision, Canadian Jewish Congress called on the government to commence deportation proceedings or accede to a Dutch request that it extradite him to Holland.

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Canada

Plenary to examine issue of settlements

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Canadian Jewry will be asked to take a position on Israel's policy of settlement of the territories at the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Plenary Assembly next month in Toronto.

Two essentially contradictory positions on the settlements will be among the proposed resolutions submitted to delegates to the Plenary, to be held May 20-24.

One calls on CJC to appeal to the Israeli government to reverse its current policy and immediately stop further settlement of the territories "during peace negotiations." It was submitted by the Canadian Friends of Peace Now.

The second urges CJC to support Israel in remaining "steadfast in [its] negotiating stance" in the current peace talks. Kurt Rothschild, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, suggested that one.

CJC Quebec region also thinks CJC should support "the absolute indivisibility of Jerusalem as the historical and political capital" of the Jewish state.

Other proposed resolutions likely to spark lively debate include one from the Association of Soviet Jewry in Canada asking that the Canadian government speed up the granting of landed immigrant status to qualifying Jews from the Commonwealth of Independent States. The Association also wants CJC to increase its role in integrating Jews from the CIS into the Canadian Jewish community.

The CJC Pacific region thinks CJC should encourage Canada to admit Soviet Jews under its family reunification policy, as well as consider refugee status for endangered Jews anywhere in the world.

Similarly, the Quebec region calls upon the Canadian government to increase its sponsorship of Jews from the former Soviet Union and Arab and other countries where Jews are in distress.

Delegates will also consider a greater government lobbying role for CJC. Jewish parliamentary affairs committees should be established in every province and territory, the Pacific region proposes.

There are also resolutions concerning the status of women: equal pay for equal work for women employed by Jewish community organizations and equal representation of women on "all gender-integrated, decision-making bodies" in the Jewish community (CJC Quebec region and status of women committee, respectively).

Na'amat Canada wants CJC to support the establishment of shelters for battered Jewish women in all communities where numbers warrant and awareness within Jewish religious institutions of the "need for special consideration" for single parents of young children, such as reduced synagogue fees.

AIDS prevention should be part of the health education program of Jewish schools in Canada, says another resolution from the CJC law and social action committee.

Among resolutions not specifically Jewish is one urging CJC to support "appropriate self-government' for native peoples and "fair and expeditious settlement of land claims." This is also from the law and social action committee.

The community's preoccupation with anti-Semitism and racism is expressed in several resolutions. One from the Pacific region calls for the courts to consider racism as a "very serious aggravating factor" in crimes so motivated.

The Ontario Sephardic Association is seeking greater awareness of Sephardi history by the community at large, through such means as stocking Jewish libraries with sufficient material.

A couple of resolutions from the Pacific region voice a need for greater collaboration between CJC and other ethnic groups in areas of common concern.

MAKING PLANS

Plans continue for the 23rd National Plenary Assembly of Canadian Jewish Congress, scheduled to take place May 20 to 24 at the Regal Constellation Hotel in Toronto. Members of the fundraising committee are preparing to publish a special Plenary magazine supplement in the April 30 edition of *The Canadian Jewish News*. Shown here at a meeting to plan the supplement are fundraising chairmen Martin Sable (seated), from left, Dorothy Zeifman, Jamie Sable, Plenary chair Carol Kassel, David Brown, Jules Kronis and Dr. Yehuda Lipsitz, executive director of the CJC Ontario region.

Fighting hate literature in B.C.

By
MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

The Committee for Racial Justice (CRJ) has written to all members of the British Columbia Legislature asking for "support and assistance" to help stop the proliferation of hate literature in the province. CRJ also asks that the members of the Legislative Assembly make an effort to put the lid on activities "undertaken by extremist groups whose goals include the promotion of hatred and often violence and murder."

The letter says the committee is specifically concerned about a proposed conference sponsored by the Council of Public Affairs, planned for May 15-17 in Vernon, B.C. Because of action taken by CRJ, the Village Green Inn, which was supposed to have been the locale of the parley, cancelled its commitment, "but the Council of Public Affairs has made its intention to hold the conference elsewhere very clear and very public," says the letter.

James Keegstra, Ernst Zundel and Malcolm Ross are to be honored at the conference, says CRJ. "All are well known for their extremist views and the spreading of false information . . . Other names listed on the agenda you may not recognize, but all have an extensive past in the propagation of hate," the MLAs are told in the letter.

"The activities of hate groups have been going on for some time in British Columbia," the letter alleges.

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CJC seeking apology for MPP's remarks

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Officials from the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress met earlier this month with Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod and urged her to wring an apology from MPP John Sola for his remarks about Serbs.

In an issue that just won't die down, many ethnic groups, including members of the Jewish community, are still clamoring for either Sola's resignation, his ouster from the Liberal caucus or an apology for saying that he would not be able to live next door to a Serb.

Sola, who was born in the Croatian capital of Zagreb, made the remark last December on an episode of the CBC's *fifth estate*.

"I know the way I feel, I don't think I'd be able to live next door to a Serb," Sola, the Liberal MPP for Mississauga East, said in the Dec. 3 broadcast.

Metro's Serbian community, numbering roughly 30,000, immediately went on the offensive and called for Sola's resignation or, failing that, for the Liberals to throw him out of caucus.

Sola's remarks were branded racist and unacceptable. They also fuelled hatred between Metro Serbs and Croats, whose countrymen in Yugoslavia were killing each other in a vicious civil war that still smoulders despite United Nations peacekeeping efforts.

But the MPP has remained unrepentant.

In later media interviews, Sola said he would neither resign nor apologize.

"I stand by what I said," he told one newspaper. "It's like asking a survivor of the Holocaust to live next door to a Nazi."

Two weeks ago, CJC Ontario region chairman Eric Slavens, community relations chairman David Satok, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto president Jack Chisvin and Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter paid a visit to McLeod to discuss Jewish concerns, namely, public funding for day schools and race relations.

The Sola controversy came up, Satok told *The CJN*.

"What if someone said they couldn't live next door to a Jew?" Satok asked. "They'd be out in 10 minutes. These are racist remarks. It's ridiculous for an elected official to talk that way."

Congress made it clear to McLeod that it seeks a "full-scale" apology from Sola.

But Satok said the Liberal leader was "non-commital."

Congress has been in touch with Sola directly and "we haven't received a satisfactory response," Satok said.

"We will certainly continue to pursue this. We're not happy with any of the three parties' reaction to this."

Sola told *The CJN* last week that his *fifth estate* remarks were taken out of context.

He said he meant that if he were living in Yugoslavia, he would not live next door to a Serb, "not out of hatred but out of uncertainty. If there were known terrorists living next door to me, I couldn't live next door to them either."

Last month, members of the Canadian Serbian Council also met with McLeod to voice their concern at the drawn-out affair.

The council has compiled nine pages of media quotes from Sola which it says underline the MPP's thoughts on Serbs.

Included is a statement made last year in the Ontario Legislature, in which Sola commemorated Croatian Independence Day, saying, "Even the [pro-Nazi puppet] wartime government [in Croatia] must be viewed in more lenient terms."

Rumors still abound that Sola has influence with McLeod because he brought between 20 and 30 of his supports to her at the Liberal leadership convention earlier this year, which McLeod won by just nine votes.

In return, Sola is said to have cut a deal to remain in caucus.

Sola said he has the backing of both McLeod and the Liberal caucus.

Jewish federations, UIA to guarantee Israeli loans

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Ten Canadian Jewish communities and the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada have joined a worldwide project to guarantee up to $900 million in loans to new Israeli immigrants.

In a worst-case scenario of widespread default, Canada's share of the guarantees could reach $66 million. The bulk of the guarantees — $750 million — would be borne by U.S. federations, with the remaining $84 million the responsibility of communities in Australia, Europe and South Africa, which provide funds for Israel through Keren Hayesod.

The guarantees are aimed at supporting loans given by Israeli banks to new immigrants for their resettlement and are unconnected to the $10 billion in loan guarantees sought by the state of Israel from the United States. Those guarantees would have enabled Israel to borrow money at preferential rates and would have gone to finance housing, infrastructure and job programs.

The loan guarantee program, which has been in the works for about a year, was finalized last week when federations representing 90 percent of the United States' $750 million committment signed on.

Canadian federations agreed to the project about eight months ago, said Steve Ain, executive vice president of the UIA.

Announcement that the program has been given a green light was made last week at a meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF) by its president, Charles Goodman.

Under the program, immigrants will be entitled to as much as $1,250 per person from Israeli banks. The Jewish Agency, which allocates in Israel money raised in the Diaspora, is empowered to authorize the loan requests.

Immigrants will not have to begin repayment of the loans for three years, will be given a seven-year payout period and will have to pay interest at rates comparable to those in North America (about 8-9 percent), not the substantially higher Israeli rates (22 percent), Ain said.

Should they default, the banks may first look to repayment to the borrowers' cosigners. If that fails, the lending institutions will be able to call on a reserve fund of $200 million.

Should that fund be totally depleted, the banks could then look to CJF. It, in turn, will ultimately be indemnified on a pro rata basis by the U.S. federations, UIA Canada and Keren Hayesod.

UIA Canada spokesman Itz Kalmanowitz said the organization in turn will look to indemnification from Canadian federations in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Edmonton, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Calgary and Windsor.

Ain noted that each federation's commitment is based on a formula worked out at the National Budgeting Conference for allocations to national Jewish organizations. The Montreal and Toronto federations are jointly responsible for 78 percent of the Canadian contribution, he added.

Ain pointed out that "the real risk is being taken by the Jewish Agency. If we are called on, if there is a large default, the federations will contribute the money from the campaigns." That would mean fewer funds would be available for the Jewish Agency, which could affect its operating budget when the first loans come due, he said.

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CJN Exclusive

David Radler

David Radler is president and chief executive officer of Hollinger Inc., the giant Canadian newspaper empire which owns The Jerusalem Post as well as another 100 or so dailies and 197 weekies all over the world.

Radler, a former Quebecer who runs Hollinger from Vancouver, moved to Prince Rupert, on the coast in northern British Columbia, to look after ccompany interests in 1972 and then, as the newspaper group expanded in the province, moved to Vancouver in 1974, where he lives with his wife and two daughters. He's on the board of the Weizmann Institute and of the JNF B.C. Forest in Israel project and is one of the Negev Dinner honorees.

As head of an international newspaper empire, Radler is well informed on world affairs and discusses the current scene in an interview with The CJN's West Coast reporter, Maurice Lucow.

CJN: You're approaching the third anniversary of Hollinger's acquisition of *The Jerusalem Post*. Have you sorted out the problems that plagued you when you took over? Is the paper making any money yet?

Radler: The paper is marginally profitable. It's not meeting the targets we set, but it is profitable.

CJN: But you were still able to invest more in equipment, like a new press to handle color?

Radler: Well, that's one of the reasons why it's only marginally profitable. The return on the investment and equipment hasn't been sufficient, given the amount of the investment. It's not as if we were blind. What I'm trying to say is that we projected a very low return on that particular investment in the first two years and, in fact, only projected a profit on that segment of the business in the third year. We're only about to go into the second year of that phase of the business [printing] and of course it's been a drag on our earnings. If we hadn't made that investment we would be far more profitable today. But it's totally within our decision.

CJN; Is there a future generally for business in Israel?

Radler: Yes, certainly there is, despite the difficulties getting into Israeli investment and of operating in Israel. I'm not going to underestimate those things.

CJN: You mean a bureaucratic point of view?

Radler: From every point of view — the personnel, the whole situation. Ultimately you've got a country which currently has a standard of living equivalent to that of Portugal but which should have a standard almost equivalent to that of the United States. There are many reasons for this, and certainly your readers don't require an explanation.

But business can be mighty profitable as they unshackle the economy. It doesn't matter which government is in. It could be Likud or it could be Labor, it doesn't really matter. Israel will unshackle the economy because it can no longer go with a shackled economy.

It's a constant process, but not as fast as it should be. In theory you've got a free enterprise government there and in theory they're unshackling the economy. If Shimon Peres had been in there, it might have moved faster. That's why I don't think it matters what government is in power.

CJN: I spoke to Israel Health Minister Ehud Olmert, here in Vancouver, and he told me "competition is the name of the game" in Israel. He even put the hospitals into competition with each other.

Radler: Olmert is absolutely right, but that's rhetoric. In fact, no matter what Olmert said, the current (Shamir) government didn't make as many bold moves as it could have. They didn't make as many bold moves as were made by the coalition government, when Peres was minister of finance. In my view — but I'm not quite sure — there's been a slowing of the process. But I do think there's great opportunity. I think Israel will experience tremendous growth in the next — and I'll go for a longer term — 10 years.

CJN: With Israeli elections coming up in June, what's your prediction? Will Shamir get a majority or is he still going to need the small parties to help him? You're a Likud supporter, aren't you?

Radler: I'm not a Likud supporter. I read in an Israeli paper recently that I was this great personal friend of Shamir. In fact, I met him for only a half hour in my whole life. I don't know how it's going to end up. If you want me to shoot from the hip . . . I think there'll be a coalition — the two main parties will share government responsibility, as they did in the past.

CJN: Do you think the Labor party by itself has any hope of being revived . . . or does it need reviving?

Radler: Why not? With Rabin as leader why shouldn't it be revived? It's revived by definition . . . just by having a leader.

CJN: Do you think Rabin can do better in negotiating with the Arabs if he's in power, or if he shares power?

Radler: There was a theory that the only person who could negotiate with the Arabs ultimately was Shamir — not so much Shamir, as the Likud. It's the old theory. President Richard Nixon was supposed to have been the best negotiator — an anti-communist negotiating with the communists. There's some truth in that. No doubt that in the final analysis Ronald Reagan was the most effective negotiator because he was totally anti-communist.

So I don't think Rabin would be any less effective in dealing with the Arabs than Shamir. It's a rhetorical question. Is Shamir a victim of his own rhetoric? Maybe he is, maybe he's a prisoner of his own rhetoric and certainly that may be the real problem. Ideally, both of them, together, would make an excellent negotiating team.

CJN: So do you think, then, that we'll have real peace between the Israelis and the Arab countries?

Radler: Yes. I think there's a deal with Syria . . . but who knows? Yes, I think we're heading for peace. It's going to be a difficult process and there will be problems during the process and blowups. But we're heading there.

CJN: You were born in Quebec. What do you think will be the outcome of the separation arguments? What should Canada do to keep Quebec in Confederation?

Radler: I think we're going to have to be very supportive of Quebec and we can't be selfish. Native issues are important, especially if you're a Native, and a social charter may be very important. But the primary issue is Quebec. We're going to have to deal with Quebec on Quebec's terms. Now I'm not a hawk but I believe in accommodating Quebec — maybe because I understand it, maybe because I speak French, maybe because I've kept in touch. We own probably the most respected French newspaper, *Le Soleil*, in Quebec City.

I believe that we can play with fire, but can we afford to let Bourassa lose that referendum? We can in purely economic terms, but can we do it in an emotional sense? As far as I'm concerned, Quebec, in many ways, is the fabric of Canada and we're going to have to be very accommodating. British Columbia, by law, has to have a referendum on the Quebec situation and this could turn into a "let's show them" event, even though B.C. people aren't against special status for Quebec.

A referendum here could attract the anti-French; you attract the anti-Socialists, trying to teach NDP Premier Mike Harcourt a lesson, even though it has nothing to do with the issue on the table. I think the referendum situation is extremely dangerous. So I think there's a problem, but generally I'm in favor of accommodating Quebec aspirations.

CJN: Let's turn now to the Jewish community scene. The Canadian Congress is holding its triennial plenary in May. Do you think Congress is doing its job? Is it representing the Jews satisfactorily?

Radler: The answer is — I don't know. But one of my theories is that there shouldn't be a single represntative. I think the Jews should be represented by many organizations. I don't think any one should have a lock on representing the Jewish vote in the Jewish community.

CJN: So are you in favor of the way B'nai Brith and Congress seem to be competing as to who represents the community?

Radler: I'm all for that. I'm not even a member of B'nai Brith and yet I'll say that. I don't think anyone should have a monopoly on speaking for the Jewish community. I don't really view the Jewish community in the same light as I would view a true minority — for instance a bunch of Croats, who may find it necessary to speak in one voice. But we represent almost two percent of the Canadian population and that's too large a minority to have only one voice.

CJN: Do you think the government will listen to different groups?

Radler: I don't think the government's listening to the one group. They ought to listen to all three or four, if necessary. I think we can speak in two, three, four voices. The Christian community doesn't speak in one voice and I don't see why we should be speaking in one voice.

CJN: What's your view on multiculturalism?

Radler: I don't like government handouts. I don't know if it's suitable or not but I find it offensive that the government gives grants to groups who go parading on July 1. But if we don't give them grants, those minorities wouldn't even be there. Now I hope there's a better world — that people who want to celebrate July 1 do so out of a sense of patriotism and not because of a multicultural grant. That's all I'm saying.

CJN: One more question about Congress. Is there anybody from Vancouver who qualifies as a potential president? So far, it's been a Toronto/Montreal axis.

Radler: There's no reason why somebody from British Columbia or any of the olther provinces can't be president of a national organization, whether it's Canadian Jewish Congress or the Catholic bishops. But the one problem we have in Canada is that the person heading a national organization has to be bilingual. I don't think you can appoint a unilingual president anymore.

CJN: Your company has a big stake in the United States. You said you operate in 28 American states. What's the political outlook there, as you see it?

Radler: I assume that George Bush will be re-elected. What he's been facing in the primaries is a lot of cross-over Democrats who want to vote against the president. They voted for Pat Buchanan as a protest against the president. But on election day the Republicans will vote for Bush, and so will the cross-over Democrats.

Now I know that Buchanan isn't Mister Popularity with the Jewish community but I believe he saved us from the potentially even more embarrassing situation which was David Duke. I think some of the votes Buchanan picked up would have gone to Duke, and that was a tremendous danger.

CJN: What did you think of President Bush's decision to withhold the $10 billion loan guarantee to Israel?

Radler: It was a mistake to ask for the $10 billion. The idea was suggested originally by Moda'i, who asked for the cash because the United States had written off $7 billion owed it by Egypt. It was a shock to Congress to be asked for so much and somehow, the request got changed to a guarantee for a loan. Guarantees aren't popular. You can't sell them to the American public, especially now. The timing is bad.

At the most, the guarantee is only worth two percent less than what Israel would pay normaly. That's a maximum. It's probably no more than 1¼ percent. Israel's credit is good enough to get the money on its own. The guarantee would make it cheaper but it's not worth it. The U.S. administration has used this against Israel.

CJN: Is the current recession going to develop into a depression or are we going to see better days and what's needed to get consumers to spend?

Radler: I think we're slowly drifting out of the recession. In the U.S. 20 of the 28 states we operate in are not in recession, even now. It's very sectoral. In Canada, things will get better because they couldn't get much worse, but I think it will be a slower process. Canada is over-taxed and over-governed and I think it's going to take longer.

Ultimately, it doesn't really matter how overtaxed and mismanaged our economy is. If commodity prices go up in this country, then the economy booms, so we're not even masters of our own destiny. We're going to have to address the issue I've just mentioned otherwise we are left as a resource-based economy.

Teacher probed for racist links

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
A three-man committee associated with the Peel Board of Education is investigating complaints that teacher Paul Fromm is linked to white supremacist organizations and should be dismissed, but even if the complaint is upheld, the board is not likely to remove Fromm, *The CJN* has learned.

Last week, representatives of Canadian Jewish Congress called for Fromm's dismissal, suggesting his association with racist organizations put him in violation of the Education Act as well as anti-racism policies adopted by the Peel board.

But Robert Lee, director of education for the board, said a teacher can be "terminated for cause" only for his activities as a teacher in the school. While he said he did not wish to predetermine the outcome of the investigation, violating criteria set in the Education Act for a teacher as a role model is a certification question, he said, adding that licensing of teachers comes within the jurisdiction of the Education Ministry, not the board.

He said the investigating committee, which may submit its report to the board at its next meeting on April 28, could recommend: dismissing allegations against Fromm; a written reprimand; suspending the teacher; or call on the Minister of Education to remove Fromm's teaching certificate.

Fromm first landed in hot water in October 1991 when, during an address by Native leader Rodney Bobiwash to the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, Fromm shouted, "Scalp 'em."

The interjection prompted calls then for his removal from the classroom.

In the interim, Canadian Jewish Congress obtained a copy of a video of a "Martyr's Day Rally," held on Dec. 8, 1990 to honor the memory of Robert Jay Mathews, a member of the violent, white supremacist group, The Order, who was killed in a 1984 shootout with FBI agents in the state of Washington.

Extracts from the video were presented by Congress to the board at its meeting last week and the video left with them. Fromm, whose organization, Canadians for Foreign Aid Reform (C-FAR), co-sponsored the rally, reportedly addressed the gathering saying, "We're all on the same side.

"But we must know who the enemy is. . . We are quite right to honor heroes here tonight."

The video shows Fromm addressing the gathering while flanked by flags of the Heritage Front, the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazi swastika.

In a news report on CBC radio, Fromm denied he was a racist and suggested he was the subject of a witchhunt. He said he was being assailed for "politically incorrect" views, was the victim of guilt by association, and he asked whether radical lesbians might also be investigated if parents disapproved of their viewpoints.

In published reports, Fromm also denied co-sponsoring the rally (though promotional material lists C-FAR as a sponsor) and he twice denied attending the rally, *The Toronto Sun* reported. Faced with the quotes of his presentation, he said he did attend but said he thought it was a rally about free speech.

In his presentation to the Peel board, David Satok, chairman of Congress' community relations committee, said parents from minority groups would have an "apprehension of bias," wondering whether their children would be treated equally in Fromm's class.

He cited several issues of *Canadian Population and Immigration Quarterly*, a publication issued by C-FAR. In its Crimewatch section, between December 1988 and August 1989, it ran headlines such as: Sikh Ceremonial Dagger Used In Assault; Black Charged in Burning Prostitute; Charged in Attempt Murder, Jamaican Files Refugee Claim; Two Blacks Get Eight Years for Pimping in Ottawa.

Satok also argued that the example set by Fromm negates the principle that a teacher should serve as a positive role model. His employment, in effect, supports bigotry, Satok suggested.

Louis Lenkinski, vice-chairman of Congress' community relations committee, told the board that as a Holocaust survivor, he does not want to see those who share Fromm's views accepted within the mainstream of society.

He cited Fromm's association with white supremacist groups like Church of the Creator (COTC), which co-sponsored the 1990 rally. In a 1992 newsletter, COTC referred to Jews as "human rats," Lenkinski said.

Congress spokesman Bernie Farber said the board heard the presentation in "stunned silence."

Quebec Jews' future debated

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
A talk on The Future of the Jews in Quebec is one of the highlights of the annual conference in Toronto May 24-25 of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

Naim Kattan, a noted author and former associate director of the Canada Council, will talk about Jews in Quebec at a public free admission meeting at Holy Blossom Temple at 8 p.m. May 24 co-sponsored by the Temple's continuing education committee. Kattan is now writer in residence at the University of Quebec in Montreal.

The conference gets underway Sunday morning at the Constellation Hotel at 9.45 a.m. with the film *Memories of Old Montreal* presented by Prof. Stanley Asher, John Abbot College, Montreal.

This will be followed by a joint session with the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary entitled The History of the Sephardic Community of Canada, with Prof. Messod Salama, Memorial University and Dr. Jean-Claude Lasry, president, Comite des Relations Ashkenazes-Sephardes, Montreal.

Naim Kattan

In the afternoon, a session chaired by Prof. Miriam Waddington, York University, will focus on Women Yiddish Writers in Canada with participants Shirley Kumove, Freda Forman, and Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg of Ryerson.

The Monday sessions will be held at the Lipa Green building and begin with The Jewish Press in Canada, Past Glories, Present Realities, with Ben Kayfetz in the chair. Abraham Arnold, president of the CJHS, Michael Hayman, editor of *The Jewish Standard* and Patricia Rucker, editor, *The Canadian Jewish News* will take part.

That will be followed by a session on Jewish Immigrant Aid with Deena Nathanson, Mindy Avrich-Skapinker and Naomi Freeman participating.

The next topic is Jewish-Christian Relations in Canada with Prof. Richard Menkis, University of British Columbia and Prof. Alan Davies, University of Toronto, taking part.

The last session is on The Legacy of the Jewish Labor Movement chaired by Louis Lenkinski, with Kalman Kaplansky, Harry Simon and Wilfred List participating.

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Obituary
Dr. Harry Orlinsky

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Dr. Harry Orlinsky, 84, Professor of Biblical Literature at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, New York, died March 21 of cancer in a nursing retirement home in Owings Mills, Maryland.

Orlinsky, a native of Canada, was the authenticator of four of the Dead Sea Scrolls now housed in Jerusalem.

Born in Owen Sound, Ont., he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Donya, two sons, Walter S. Orlinsky and S. Zeke Orlinsky, of Baltimore, three grandchildren, a brother, David Orlinsky and a sister, Ruby Halpern, both of Toronto.

He was a graduate of the University of Toronto, where he was a habitue of the pool room at Hart House, and a postgraduate in Hebrew literature at Dropsie College, Philadelphia.

As a professor he was known for his sense of humor, once telling his students that they did not need to face every challenge head on. "Sometimes," he said, "you should turn around and run like hell."

Dr. Harry Orlinsky

It was a cloak-and-dagger operation which led to his authentication of the Dead Sea Scrolls. He had packed his car for a trip to Toronto on July 1, 1954, when he got an emergency call from the Israeli Consulate in New York. They wanted him to look at the scrolls, being offered for sale by a Syrian prelate for $200,000, without divulging the interest of Israel.

The Consulate sent him to a branch of the Chemical Trust bank in the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York where he introduced himself as "Mr. Green" and went to a basement vault. He was dripping wet with perspiration after an hour of checking in the hot vault but took another hour, much to the annoyance of the prelate's representative, to settle a bet he had with a colleague whether a certain mark in one character was a flyspeck, a defect in the material or a part of the character. "And wouldn't you know the other guy was right," Orlinsky said at the time.

He then went to a phone and called an unlisted number, voicing an earlier agreed upon code word: *lechayim*. The call set off a celebration in the Israeli consulate.

Orlinsky was a member of a committee that produced the 1952 Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the official bible of the Protestant movement in North America, being the only Jewish scholar to be invited into the group.

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Holocaust education in Poland

NEW YORK (JTA) —
"Polish children will learn about the Holocaust," the prime minister of Poland, Jan Olszewski, pledged at a meeting with Jewish leaders at the World Jewish Congress headquarters here last week.

Poland's educational curriculum and textbooks will "faithfully and honestly" portray the tragic fate of Polish Jewry during the Holocaust, the visiting prime minister said, according to Elan Steinberg, executive director of the WJC.

That will end four decades of silence on the subject during which Polish youth learned nothing in their schools of the history of the Holocaust or even of their own national history, while Poland was under Communist rule, the prime minister said.

He was responding to Benjamin Meed, president of the American Gathering/Federation of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, who urged the Polish leader to make sure Polish children are properly taught about terrible events of the Holocaust.

When Ruth Popkin, president of the Jewish National Fund, spoke of seeing swastikas and anti-Semitic graffiti on a recent visit to Poland, Olszewski blamed the lack of education of Polish youth on the history of those times.

Speaking for members of his own generation, he said the sign of the swastika was as horrible for them to behold as it was for Jews.

Olszewski recalled that this month marks the 47th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which he witnessed as a 13-year-old.

He said he saw ghetto fighters defy the Nazis by hanging Star of David banners alongside the red and white national colors of Poland.

Responding to Kalman Sultanik, president of the Federation of Polish Jews, the prime minister said that Jewish claims to property will be taken into account in the drafting of privatization legislation.

Olszewski was asked to ensure that the dispute over the convent at Auschwitz would be resolved quickly with the transfer of the nuns to a new building off the site of the former death camp.

He replied that the possibility of government intervention was limited by the nature of the dispute but it would do what it could to expedite the implementation of agreements already reached on the issue.

Olszewski told WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer that he would be honored to address the international contingent of Jewish youth who will arrive in Auschwitz later this month to participate in the March of the Living commemoration.

Palestinian meeting ignored

WASHINGTON (JTA) —
The United States and Israel are looking the other way at a meeting Palestinian leaders from the territories had last week with Yasser Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman.

When asked about the meeting, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said the United States had the same reaction as Israel.

She then quoted a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir as saying the meeting was "irrelevant" to the six-month-old Middle East peace process.

The Israelis, she said, "pointed out in their statement the importance of the peace process. We couldn't agree more."

Arafat was in Cairo recovering from an airplane crash landing in the Libyan desert. Among the Palestinians who met with him were Faisal Husseini and Hanan Ashrawi, who are not part of the peace talks but who do meet regularly with Secretary of State James Baker.

The delegation apparently did not include any Palestinians who are part of the official delegation to the bilateral talks with Israel, which resume April 27 in Washington.

Tutwiler said the fact that Husseini and Ashrawi met with Arafat would not affect Baker's future dealings with them.

"The PLO, as you well know, is not part of these negotiations, and it is not relevant to us who the Palestinians do or don't meet with," Tutwiler told reporters.

"And the PLO, furthermore, as you know, is not an intermediary. They don't have a role. We don't have a dialogue with them," she said.

Tutwiler recalled that six months ago in Madrid, when the first direct peace talks began between Arab delegations and Israel, there were hundreds of PLO members there who met with Palestinians attending the talks.

"That's not any different in this instance, in my mind, than what has been going on" in Cairo, Tutwiler added. "We do not control who people do or do not talk to."

NOTICE
Re:
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1. **The 1992 Annual Meeting of the Jewish National Fund of Canada** will be held in **Montreal, Quebec,** at the **Montefiore Club, 1195 Guy Street, Montreal, Quebec** on **Sunday, May 31, 1992** at **10:30 a.m.**

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Post-graduate paper comes under attack

By
JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A year ago, Esther Delisle was a fairly obscure post-graduate student in Quebec City awaiting the judgment of her professors at Laval University on her doctoral dissertation entitled Anti-Semitism and Extreme Right-Wing Nationalism in Quebec from 1929-39.

Twenty months after completing the thesis, she still waits. But since her paper — with its strong suggestion that such sentiment lingers among Quebec's intelligentsia — became public, she has touched off a controversy. There has been a stream of articles in the French press and seminars have been held to debate her aspersions on Quebec nationalism's roots, particularly on Abbe Lionel Groulx and *Le Devoir*.

Articles in *La Presse* and *Le Devoir* have severely criticized her and she feels she has been blacklisted in some intellectual circles. Delisle says she has been made to feel like a traitor.

Delisle, 38, is not naive. She knew even when she was putting the finishing touches on her paper that she was treading on "dangerous" territory.

Speaking to a B'nai Brith League for Human Rights executive meeting, Delisle said the reaction from her professors to her topic was "always the same — how interesting, but do you realize what you are doing? You are committing suicide.

"That fear is a legacy of Groulx," she says.

Delisle's thesis is a well-footnoted analysis of the writings of Groulx, the Catholic priest and historian whom she calls the theoretician of extreme right-wing nationalism; two nationalistic journals, *l'Action Nationale* and *Jeune Canada;* and *Le Devoir*.

That anti-Semitic ideas flourished in Quebec of that time is not news; but Delisle details the almost morbid nature of Groulx's fear of the contamination of the "pure" French-Canadian people, drawing parallels with Nazism. The "Jew" was held up as the "antithesis" of all that Groulx and his followers hoped to establish in some insular utopian society. "Nationalism was always about more than language in Quebec," Delisle says.

Groulx was also anti-democratic and anti-capitalist, she argues, rejecting secular modernity completely.

Her portrayal of *Le Devoir*, which she describes as "not far behind" Groulx in its vilification of Jews, has also apparently touched a raw nerve.

She also attempts to debunk the "myth" that there was ever a homogeneous, French-speaking Catholic nation — another Groulx legacy — even in the earliest year of New France, simply because France itself had not yet melded into such a country.

She said she went through 3,650 issues of *Le Devoir* published between 1929-39, and found 1,007 articles she judged anti-Semitic, almost all of them on the front page. She readily gives examples of the vilest slurs against Jews that appeared in the paper in that period; there was even a call for their deportation.

What struck her was that this fear gripped the province's educated elite — not the ignorant — and appears to have echoes up to today.

"The issue is larger than nationalism...It's this fear you cannot say certain things or it's going to be terrible, and in a way it has been.

She said "a sort of orthodoxy", she says, holds sway in Quebec today about "what you can say, what you can believe. That's why you always see the same people on television or in the newspapers."

Delisle, a Quebec City native, did research at the centre for the study of anti-Semitism at Jerusalem's Hebrew University from 1984-87. She had a couple of years earlier spent time on a kibbutz.

She has a bachelor and master's degree in political science from Laval, and has worked as a journalist and CEGEP teacher.

What bothers Delisle is that Groulx was resurrected as a hero of the nationalists in the '60s, by the first generation that had easy access to higher education, "while their parents ignored him."

Delisle wonders why nationalists could not have picked Louis-Joseph Papineau as a hero instead. Papineau was the leader of Lower Canada's 1837 rebellion against Upper Canada's unequal power. In contrast to Groulx, Papineau was liberal, anti-clerical and popular, according to Delisle.

Delisle goes so far as to say Groulx's attitude to French-Canadians, whom he disparaged because of their weakness in the face of foreign influence, was "ten times worse" than that of the despised Lord Durham.

Delisle admits her thesis may not be perfect. A different interpretation may be put on the cited material, but to her detractors she says "don't say it was never written."

Syrian Jewry focus of report

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

For Jews, Syria has become "a jail without walls," according to a new 107-page report by international human rights lawyer Irwin Cotler of Montreal's McGill University.

Syria's 4,300-member Jews are a hostage community that faces routine, "state-supported anti-Semitism" and is subject to arbitrary harassment, arrests and intimidation, Cotler notes in his report, which was released last week in New York by the World Jewish Congress and the Council for the Rescue of Syrian Jewry.

The report documents in detail Syria's failure to comply not only with its own constitution but with several international human rights statutes, including some it has signed.

The study was released one day after a delegation led by Syria's chief rabbi, Ibrahim Hamra, visited Syrian President Hafez Assad for an unprecedented meeting.

The official reason given for the meeting was so the Jewish community could congratulate Assad on his recent re-election to a fourth term in office. But many observers feel the meeting was a result of international pressure on Assad to ease up on Jews.

Cotler's study, entitled "Syrian Jewry, Human Rights and the Rule of Law," is an expanded version of a report by the same title released one year ago. It is based on at least one personal visit by Cotler to Syria and on interviews with Jews who have left the country.

In a country with widespread discrimination, Jews suffer the most, the report states.

Among the abuses against Syrian Jews listed in the report are:

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Name Game

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LIMBURG

Douglas Limburg, of Ottawa, writes that he is aware that his family name is Dutch in origin and that it is derived from a province which was the first settlement in Holland after the Spanish Inquisition. He asks for any information about a namesake.

My research discloses that Joseph Limburg (1866-1940) was one of the founders of the Dutch Liberal Democratic party. He was a member of the delegation of the Netherlands to the League of Nations in 1920.

He sponsored the enactment of legislation on education which bears his name and was a member of the Council of State until 1940 when the Netherlands surrendered to Hitler and he committed suicide.

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Media critic sued by ABC

JERUSALEM —

In what could be an international precedent setting case, ABC-TV is suing an Israeli media critic for showing ABC's television coverage of the intifada at public forums. The case will be decided on April 29 in Jerusalem District Court.

The public forums were held at the height of the intifada in the winter of 1988, and gave Israelis the opportunity to see how their country was portrayed abroad. Reports from American, Canadian and European networks were edited together and shown by Israel Resource, which charged a $3 admission fee. The forums shocked many Israelis, who felt the foreign coverage, particularly by ABC, was biased and unfair.

The ABC suit against David Bedein of Israeli Resource , charges that the company violated copyright laws when he held the forums and charged an entrance fee. ABC also charges that the media relations company sold videotapes of the ninety minute newsclips to people attending the forums.

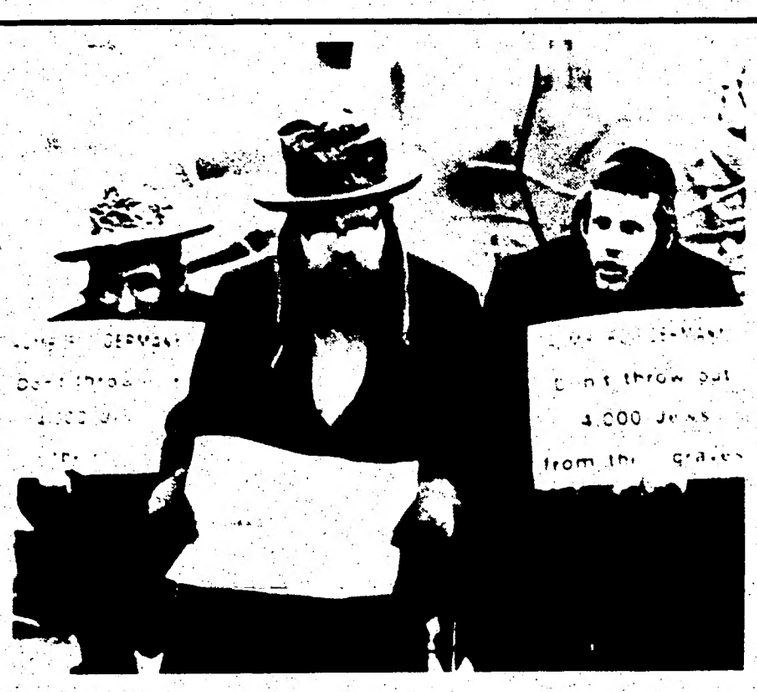
At a previous hearing on Jan. 19, Judge Shalom Brenner asked ABC to prove copyright ownership of its news program, and also prove its charge that Bedein was running the public forums for "entertainment purposes."

Bedein says flatly that as a media critic and adviser, he had an obligation to arrange the public viewings. He denies that people were entertained by the news clips. "People were not entertained by the television networks' coverage of the intifada. That's why the attendance diminished every week, and because of the reduced public interest we stopped the showings," states Bedein.

Bedein, a Philadelphia native and executive director of Israel Resource says that the "fair use" law in the United States, Israel, Canada and England allows for making copies for purposes of education, criticism, evaluation and feedback. He says the forums were non-profit, and the funds generated were used to pay for the costs of renting a theatre, advertising, and video production. Bedein acknowledges that he made copies of a few tapes, but "at cost" and for educational criticism which he says, is part of the "fair use" law.

Bedein says the forums were the only opportunity for Israelis, Arabs and foreign journalists to see the news coverage. "In Israel we had no idea how we were covered abroad, we couldn't see it," he says. "Isn't it chutzpa that a TV crew would parachute into a foreign country, film and then zip back their film, and the people in the country don't even get a chance to see the film? This is a violation of the Israeli citizens right to know."

Accolrding to Bedein, taping news off a satellite is not a copyright infringement. "News off the satellite is not subject to copyright," he says, adding that the American networks have been using the "fair use" law unjustly for decades.



CEMETERY PROTEST

Some 100 Orthodox Jews from various nations protested recently in Hamburg to save a 350-year-old Jewish cemetery from being turned into a mall and housing project. [RNS photo/Reuters]

Israelis sharpen their shooting skills

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

Israel's shooting ranges are now crowded with thousands of pistol-packing mamas and papas, some of whom are doing target practice for the first time since they got their gun licence.

This is because a new Interior Ministry regulation decrees that every time a person renews that licence, namely once every five years, he must demonstrate that he knows how to use the weapon in his possession.

Even before this rule came into force, Israel had a much stricter gun control policy than the United States. For whereas in the United States a person wishing to purchase a firearm can do so immediately (in some states) or after a relatively brief waiting period (in others), here he must ordinarily wait for months on end.

And since a potential licensee must provide evidence that he doesn't have a criminal record, that he is not suffering from a mental disease and that he has a legitimate need for the firearm, 50 per cent of the applicants are turned down.

Those who successfully traverse the Interior Ministry obstacle course can then purchase a particular gun, the serial number of which is registered with the Ministry. It must, by the way, be a pistol or a hunting rifle; only the military are allowed to possess automatic weapons.

Despite the regulations, ownership of firearms has risen dramatically since the onset of the intifada four years ago. By now there is scarcely a Jewish household in the territories without a licensed pistol (quite apart from the submachine guns supplied to those who are on guard duty). Elsewhere in Israel the incidence of licensees is much lower, with only about 15 per cent of households boasting a weapon (as opposed to an estimated 50 per cent in the States).

Percentages also vary from locality to locality. Jerusalemites, for example, are three times as likely to have pistols as Tel Avivians, presumably because terrorism is more of a threat in Jerusalem than in Tel Aviv.

These pistols come from a wide variety of countries and in various calibres, though inexpensive 22--calibre guns have recently lost their popularity because people now realize that bullets from such weapons are unlikely to put a knife-wielding assailant out of action before he has time to stab his intended victim.

Even heavier weapons, of course, are only likely to be effective if their owners really know how to use them, and, says Haim Mascona, manager of the Rehovot Municipal Shooting Range, many do not. "Some of those who come for target practice," he declares, "haven't touched their guns for years and ask the instructors to fire the first bullet 'just in case.' Others even bring in dismantled pistols that have to be reassembled, with our help, before they can be used."

On the other hand, Mascona occasionally meets some improbable sharpshooters, like the 84-year-old man who hit the bull's-eye with every shot he fired. Afterwards the elderly gentleman had just one modest request: "Please let me have the perforated target so that I can show it to my great-grandchildren."

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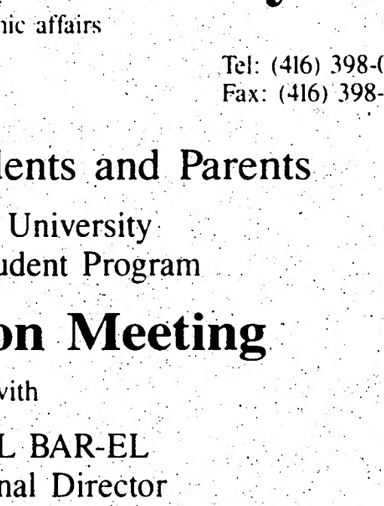

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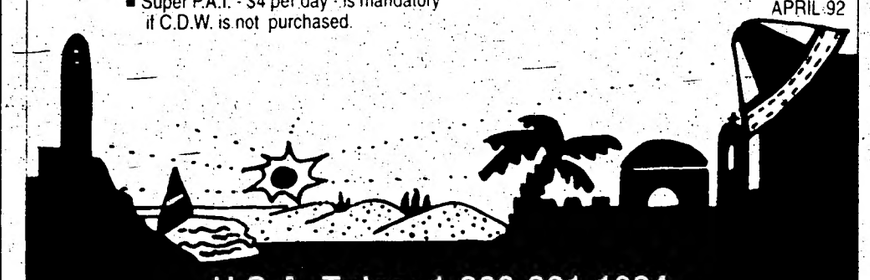

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The News In Brief

Claims up sharply

JERUSALEM — The number of unemployment claims filed with the National Insurance Institute set a record last month, at 83,000.

This is an increase of 10 percent over the previous month, and of 32 percent over the monthly average for 1991, which stood at 63,000.

Particularly worrying was the large number of new claims filed last month: 15,000, an increase of six percent over February. New claims — which can be presented only by someone who has been out of work for six months — are generally considered an indication of unemployment trends.

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Soldiers face court martial

JERUSALEM — Sixteen Israel Army sergeants who deserted their posts in an organized protest against alleged mistreatment are to be court-martialed for going absent without leave.

The soldiers, from a conscript armored infantry unit serving in the Gaza district, staged their walkout following what they called "continuing mistreatment" and the "refusal" of their officers to solve their problems.

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Birthday parade

NEW YORK — The city that has seen everything saw something completely new last week — a 20-block long procession of 90 "mitzva tanks."

The procession crawled through Brooklyn and Manhattan, drawing incredulous stares from pedestrians and loud honking from drivers forced to sit in traffic until the seemingly endless caravan had passed.

The parade, which began at Lubavitch's Crown Heights headquarters, was held in honor of the 90th birthday of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who was too ill to come out and watch as the "tanks" — Winnebagos, Leisurecraft, Tiogas, and Travelmates, all species of oversized campers — departed, with a police escort, for Manhattan.

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Olympic funds needed

JERUSALEM — With less than three months to go till the Barcelona Olympics, financial trouble is once again threatening to close down the Israel Sports Federation (ISF), the umbrella organization with ultimate administrative responsibility for preparing Israel's Olympic squad.

The ISF bosses decided to immediately send all staff employees on indefinite leave and to cease all sporting activity — with the exception of the preparations of the Olympic team. The Olympic preparations will be stopped on May 1. The ISF claims a deficit of about NIS 2.5 million ($1 million).

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Consumer prices rise

TEL AVIV — Israel's consumer price index rose by 1.5 percent in March, twice the anticipated figure.

Israel's unusually harsh winter of floods, blizzards and freezing temperatures was blamed for the increase, which was led by soaring prices for fruits and vegetables.

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Funds for rightists

BONN — The far-right Republican Party, headed by a former SS officer, has qualified for $1.5 million in public funds as a result of its unexpectedly strong showing in Germany's regional elections recently.

The Republicans polled 10.9 percent of the popular vote in the federal state of Baden-Wurtemberg, compared to 3.2 percent in the 1990 elections for the Bundestag.

The party, which had only 2,300 registered members there before the elections, compiled 538,866 votes to become the third-largest political faction in the southern German state, which is one of Germany's richest.

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Hezbollah guerrillas killed

TEL AVIV — Israel Defence Force soldiers killed two Hezbollah guerrillas in a three-hour machine gun and rocket battle in the southern Lebanon security zone last week.

One soldier was slightly wounded and was treated in the field.

The clash was the second in the security zone since April 6, when guerrillas ambushed an IDF patrol killing two soldiers and wounding five.

A similar ambush this time was less successful. A patrol of the Golani Brigade was attacked by heavily armed guerrillas, who apparently had been waiting for them. The soldiers returned the fire and after a prolonged exchange charged the guerrilla position, killing both men.

Restrictions eased

JERUSALEM — The leadership of the intifada has officially eased restrictions on commercial activity in the territories and East Jerusalem, which have been hurting Palestinians more than Israelis.

The Unified National Command of the four-year-old struggle circulated leaflets last week with the new directives, which also curtail general strikes.

From now on, shops and businesses, which had been under orders to close at 1 p.m. daily, may remain open until 3 p.m. in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and 5 p.m. in East Jerusalem.

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Dramatic increase

JERUSALEM — The number of people here who tested HIV positive increased by a dramatic 316 percent last year and now stands at 867, according to the latest issue of Israel's *Aids Newsletter*.

As of March, 1,201 people here had contracted full-blown AIDS, and 132 of them had died.

The newsletter reports that 97 people were identified as HIV positive during 1990.

By the end of 1991, this figure had tripled to 306, including 35 women. The increase, the newsletter said, was mainly due to the wave of immigration which brought HIV positive people to the country.

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Subaru leads pack

TEL AVIV — Subaru is still way out in front as Israel's most popular automobile, according to March figures by the Automobile Importers Association.

The data also reveals an excellent showing for brand-new arrival Mazda and a relatively poor performance by the much-heralded Toyota, which has been on local roads since November.

Sabaru agent JapanAuto took in 2,557 orders for new cars, compared with 1,792 for their nearest rival Colmotor (Mitsubishi), and 1,725 for Mediterranean Importers (Fiat, Lancer and Alfa Romeo).

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No cash in toilets

JERUSALEM — U.S. currency notes, including dollar bills, should not be taken into the toilet unless they are concealed in one's pocket because God's name appears on them, Chief Sephardi Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu ruled this week.

Eliahu, responding to a question posed by some U.S. Jews, said: "Since such bills have 'In God We Trust' written on them, a person is only permitted to carry them into unclean places, such as the toilet, if they are concealed in their pocket."

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Violent pimps nabbed

TEL AVIV — Police last week arrested a seven-member gang that reportedly was trying to dominate Tel Aviv's flourishing prostitution industry.

A police spokesman said there is evidence the suspects — recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union — used extreme violence against prostitutes and the owners of well-established "massage parlors" in an effort to drive them out of business.

Police said the investigation indicates that an increasing number of Russian tourists are being brought to Israel, sometimes against their will, to work as prostitutes.

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Duty age lowered

JERUSALEM — Combat unit reservists are to be exempt from service at age 45 due to a sharp increase in the population. New army regulations also call for reservists in non-combat units to be discharged between age 51 to 54, depending on position.

Both changes were made possible due to considerably larger numbers entering regular service, a result of both the recent immigration wave and higher birth rates since 1973. According to army statistics there has been a threefold increase in the number of Bedouin, Muslim and Christian inductees in the last year and the trend is expected to continue.

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Britain, Saudis arms deal

LONDON — Officials who have deplored the idea of a Middle East arms race are trying to justify Britain's massive weapons-for-oil deal with Saudi Arabia.

The sale is for $34 billion worth of sophisticated weaponry, including 48 Tornado strike aircraft, six minesweepers and 90 helicopter gunships.

Saudi Arabia has made a $2.6 billion down payment for the arms and has agreed to supply Britain with 500,000 barrels of oil a day.

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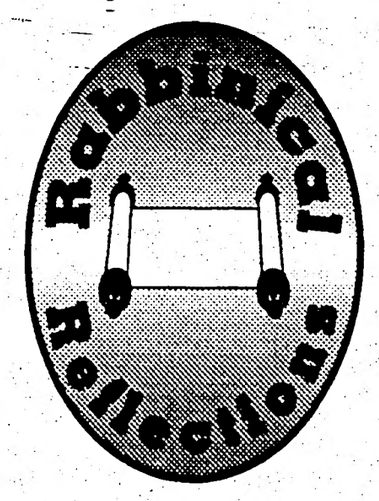

By
RABBI AVRAHAM FEDER

Renewable blessings

If we don't see miracles it is not because they are not happening; it is because we may have lost our sense of "abiding astonishment" at what is happening and what can still happen.

This issue is not merely academic or esoterically theological. Our inability to sense newness and freshness in a situation dulls our faith in God's renewable blessings. It snuffs out faith in our own capacities as a people to meet the challenges which are unremittingly hurled at us. Worst of all, it blinds us to the faith we should have in our children, the new generation, to rebuild our worlds, to rehabilitate our dreams, to resurrect our hopes.

NEW YORK (JPFS) —
Martin Buber defined "miracle" as a sense of "abiding astonishment." A miracle is not something supernatural or superhistorical. It is an incident, an event which can be fully included in what Buber calls "the objective, scientific nexus of nature and history."

But the meaning of the incident or event for the person to whom it occurs "destroys the security of the whole nexus of knowledge for him, and explodes the fixity of the fields of experience named 'nature' and 'history.' "

In our normal way of looking at the world we gather knowledge. We establish for ourselves necessary assumptions about "nature" and "history" which enable us to go about our daily activities, often unaware that we need new interpretations and new appreciations of what is happening around us. We often surrender our ability to use the keenest part of our imagination precisely because we thought that all our assumptions were so true and all-embracing that we didn't ever have to rethink them.

One of the most difficult miracles to explain among those related to the Exodus story is the daily "manna" from heaven. Whatever the "manna" was, however it appeared, the real meaning of the miracle is that each Israelite was tested every day to see if he had enough faith in God's beneficent nature to provide on a day-to-day basis.

Our world has been trained not to adopt such a day-to-day approach. Long-term social welfare programs follow the philosophy established by our ancestor Joseph in Egypt: planning ahead for the days of scarcity. No one can dispute the soundness of the approach. Neither does the Bible. At the same time, the message of the daily "manna" argues for a perspective which reminds us regularly not only that our power to plan is also a daily gift of God's, but that just as important is our God-given capacity to improvise.

Our generation has gained so much relative material security and such a fine capacity for measuring everything that we often lose our appreciation of that which we cannot plan for and cannot measure. We are frightened by the unknown, by that which we haven't been able to anticipate, predict, control. The fear leads to paralysis of spirit and a freezing of our creative imagination.

Yet, if we have an overall confidence - faith - in the ultimate order and blessedness of the universe, dare we allow ourselves to become paralyzed, chained to tired patterns of thinking and problem-solving? As Israeli Jews building towards a new millennium we owe the life-giving power of God and ourselves a rededication of confidence in His daily renewal of our imagination.

Another miracle which we think about on Pesach is the splitting of the Red Sea. A well-known midrash tells of God's reluctance to perform the miracle until He saw Israel make a move itself to deal with the prodigious problem.

But all the tribes of Israel were afraid to jump into the water. Each tribe vied with the other in vacillation and retreat from the joint destiny of the nation. Finally Nahshon ben Aminadav, a prince of the tribe of Judah, in a burst of pioneering zeal, jumped in, members of his tribe followed, and soon all the people.

A lesser-known midrash tells the story differently: All the tribes competed with each other to be the first to plunge into the Red Sea, to show the way to the others. In the heat of the competition, the tribe of Benjamin reached the water first. But the message of this midrash emphasizes the joint courage manifested by a combined effort of all of Israel.

It is ironically sad that of the two midrashim, the first is better known. Yet, the first is, after all, a tragic commentary on the lack of faith within Israel, a lack of faith in themselves, working together, to find solutions to the nation's problems.

Why do we prefer the story of Nahshon, which highlights the individual going against the tide? Are we so proud of the fact that often we act like that stubborn tide - in refusing to understand how strong we are when we stand together and "jump" together when we need to?

The Zionist agenda is far from completed. The astonishing reawakening of Zionist opportunity brought on by the events in Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia only underscores the demand on all of us to join together and to "jump" together in fulfilling our common Zionist destiny.

A third miracle associated with the Pesach story has to do with the persistent need to find sweet drinking water in the wilderness. In one miraculous episode, God commands Moses to sweeten the salty, undrinkable water which they have found in Mara by tossing a tree into it.

Bitter trials

The metaphor of the tree for sweetness is so rich in its allusions to growth and fragrance that we cannot miss the obvious connection to the faith that we must have in our children. The Israelite parents in that generation of the wilderness - so often ready to go back to Egypt when faced with bitter trials - had no respect for their children, grossly underestimating their potential. Yet these very children would later prove they had the courage and ability to conquer the Promised Land with Joshua.

Whenever a veteran Israeli generation gets discouraged, weary and anxious about the future, it would do well to remember that the telling of the Pesach story to the children presumes that these children will some day lead the Jewish people. The Seder is an effort to initiate these children into the mature truths of human existence seen through the spectacles of Jewish history, so that their future leadership will be authentically Jewish and relevant to living in the community of nations.

In this sense we of the older generation cannot help but show faith in our children.

Faith in God, faith in ourselves as a people, faith in our young who have the gifts and the energy to meet the challenges of our common destiny - such should be our mandate for this Pesach. Another Pesach of miracles - if we will them!

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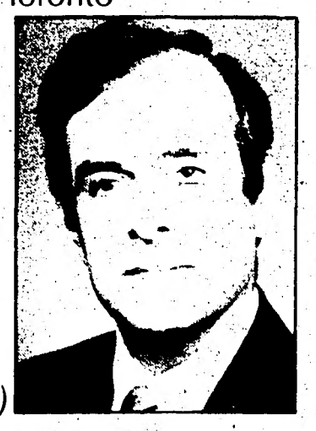

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COMMENTARY

Governments, opponents offer very few solutions

By
YESHAYAHU ANUG

This has become a year of worldwide search for change. Western Europe, which is new to the democratic game, has upheavals, which are hopelessly meant to solve problems. The precarious global stability of yesterday was grimly dominated by the Cold War and held together by mutual fears and rivalries. It has now vanished from the scene together with the crippled Soviet system, but the Western victors, far from savoring the taste of unexpected systemic victory, are laboring under the costs of their uncomfortable success. Unions are shaking or dissolving, nations tied together by treaties or by tradition are discovering their separate identities. Nationalism runs high and is, as always, a bad counsellor. Embattled governments are struggling for sheer political survival without offering solutions in exchange for confidence. Voters — wherever they have a say — don't know whom to trust.

The elections in Israel — June 23 — will be won by the party that will manage to look only a little more trustworthy than the other. The two main parties, Likud and Labor, will fight an uphill struggle for supremacy.

Likud claims unconvincingly to have solved the crisis between Foreign Minister Levy's camp and the weakened Shamir-Arens alliance, while none of the two groups knows what the Sharon camp will do. The battle for the Shamir succession has already begun. Levy and his devotees did not do as well as they expected in the elections for the Knesset list and have opted to revive the outdated spectre of ethnic discrimination. At first, Shamir called the whole crisis a joke, but caved in when told how serious the threat of defection was becoming. Whether Levy really intended to carry out the threat to leave the government or even to form a new party and whether he now believes that Shamir will honor his commitments, is difficult to say. The new result was general humiliation and loss of face.

Yeshayahu Anug

The primaries in the Labor Party, a first experiment here — and in their form even worldwide first — went rather well. But the list of Knesset candidates that emerged, carries with it a few question marks. The Peres camp, only very recently defeated in the contest for the party leadership by Rabin, did better in those primaries than expected and doubts about the fidelity of the Peres people to the resented Rabin leadership emerged once again. The list also features an impressive number of well-known doves. These two surprises are worrying the Rabin devotees, who had hoped that his hawkish image would facilitate the defection from the Likud camp of many discontented. But even so, the Labor party is right now in a much better shape, if only because Likud is in very deep trouble.

The smaller parties may this time play a lesser role in the coming contest but could gather votes of discontent and use them later, when new coalitions may need their support. The rightist parties will try to exploit the fact that Likud has not formally deserted the peace process and the left will denounce Labor for being too ambiguous about its own peace plan. The religious parties, with their image tainted but their electorate rather stable, will try to preserve their cumulative power by forming temporary alliances between them.

The general opinion, that after the elections Likud and Labor will have to co-operate, is still the best bet. In the polls Labor now looks better, but elections are still two months away.

On the other side of the ocean, the American campaign will gather momentum and the two contenders will refine their campaign slogans in an effort to gain credibility.

As to the Israeli issue, marginal as it may be the Bush administration will seek to reduce the effects of its somewhat tarnished image in the Jewish community. A first opportunity for such a test will come shortly, during the next round of the Middle East peace talks to be held in Washington. The round itself will be of little consequence as far as the prospects for peace are concerned, but the American position will have to be carefully balanced between the negotiating partners.

The Arabs are coming to Washington divided in their tactics, but united in their reluctance to produce a breakdown for which they would be held responsible. They are all in bad political shape, especially the Palestinians, but interested to preserve the appearances of a better relationship with Washington, however fragile.

If Shamir will be persuaded by his advisers to experiment a tactical surprise — and this won't be easy — the Israeli delegation may this time come out with some ideas designed to show limited progress on the road to the Likud version of autonomy, such as promising administrative elections in the territories. But any such proposal will have to be carefully tailored so as not to irritate hardliners at home.

If so — the United States may be tempted to signal a little benevolent acquiescence, but not too loudly, so as not to undermine the effectiveness of Labor's position against Likud's peace tactics. The Palestinians will be tempted to reject any Israeli initiative, but will stop short of breaking up the talks. Everyone will want to leave Washington unscathed. The "peace process," in a semi-frozen state, will then mark time and promised to be defrosted for a new lease on life after the Israeli, and possibly even after the American, elections.

This is likely to be the scenario which could best suit the campaign requirements of the incumbents in Washington and in Jerusalem. The differences between the two governments are still very much alive, but for some time tactical interests will combine to keep them on the back burner. Yet, while Bush may wish to spend his time fighting Clinton, and Shamir to reverse the trend which now seems to favor Rabin, the Iranian and Syrian manipulations in Lebanon, the simmering Iraqi crisis, now complicated by a possible flare-up with Iran, as well as the need to control Muammar Khadafi's dangerous megalomania — all these and others may well upset any imaginable agenda.

As the months of this year go by, with the world scene in continuous motion, problems keep accumulating. Solutions, however much promised by competing politicians, are not anywhere in sight. All contenders for power everywhere are equally short of ideas. Israel, with all its additional troubles, is no exception.

ANALYSIS

European heritage eclipsed by present realities

By
RUSSELL COHEN

Seeing for the first time the home in Poland where my grandfather was born, I was stirred not with emotion but by its almost complete absence.

Last year I was living in Czechoslovakia, teaching English at a university, and was beginning to feel at home in east-central Europe. While there, I had the chance to travel throughout the area.

Radom, Poland, about one hour south of Warsaw, is the town where my grandfather was born and grew up. When I arrived there in November of last year, I saw the same sights and smelled the same smells so typical of small East European towns. People made their way home from work, waited at bus stops, crowded around darkened stalls. Food sellers peddled snacks of pizza bread, sausage and mustard, beer by the glass and bottle. The smell of the food mixed with waves of diesel exhaust, the pollution that hung in the air, unfiltered cigarette smoke. It was a scene repeated throughout the East, in small towns and big city suburbs, of a bland and numbing existence.

This is the paradox of the East: its exterior hides the spirit, enthusiasm, and curiosity I found in so many Czechs, Slovaks, and Poles.

About 100,000 people live in Radom now, working for one of the heavy industries, small stores, or more recently, not working at all. Radom seems to be hit hard by the economic reforms taking place throughout East Europe; I saw large groups of men just standing around in the middle of the day without work.

After visiting Krakow, a successfully developed tourist centre, full of foreign investment and amenities, Radom appeared sadly neglected. However, when I looked close enough into the corners of train and bus stations, Krakow too revealed its depressed underside. Newly-arrived immigrant families carrying large bundles of their belongings slept where they could. Poland is rapidly developing visible social divisions: a small number of rich cosmopolitans, and a large struggling underclass.

The city of Radom contains an interesting mix of crumbling buildings, newly erected apartment blocks, and the odd monument. Its old town is neglected: the grand church sends out prerecorded chimes from loudspeakers on the hour. The cobblestone streets have yielded to the earth, and once majestic old structures have made way for Communist-era manufacturing plants which are now making way for progress. Graffiti is sprayed on an old church, and the grand old town square is a sad reminder of what once was. Construction crews have recently begun the task of restoring parts of the old town but the process is sure to last decades.

The newer districts are in somewhat better shape. The downtown square, the Place of the Constitution of the Third of May, is attractively ringed with landscaping and pruned trees, surrounded by attractive shops, offering fine leathers and silk scarves. I wonder — who frequents these well-heeled dreams of the new entrepreneur class?

I checked into a deaying hotel on the square. I had an address, Moniuski 22, the street name and number last seen by my grandfather in 1956. He had been there previously in 1946 and before that in 1927, when he left for Canada at age 17. Judging by the number of Czechoslovak cities and streets that had their names changed after the fall of the last regime, I had no way of knowing if Moniuski would still be there. Thirty minutes after I arrived, feeling anxious about my adventure, speaking no Polish, finding no one who spoke English, I managed to find a map.

Searching the legend I found Moniuski less than one block from my hotel. Excited, I walked to the house where my grandfather lived as a boy.

I returned the next day with my camera. Moniuski, as it turned out, is one of the few well preserved streets in Radom; number 22 is an attractive turn-of-the-century three-floor apartment. My grandfather lived on the top floor. I walked to the back alley, around the side, and into the lobby. I checked the mailboxes futilely, knowing whose name I would not find. I crossed the street, took a number of photographs and left.

I was overcome with disappointment: a sense of denouement. I don't know what I expected to find. I knew that since the war, no Lipshitz lived in Radom. I knew that my heritage was drawn from a Yiddish past, not Slavic. I knew that I hadn't listened to my grandfather's stories like I should have.

Radom had nothing to tell. What was once home to 30,000 Jews, one third of the city's population, had only two Jews in 1956. I don't know if they are still there. There are no synagogues to be found, only a star of David spray-painted on a wall and a book about Israel in the bookstore window.

Two months later I returned to Canada. I went to my grandparents' apartment, a 15-floor condominium in Toronto, and brought them the photographs of Radom. I told them about my experience.

While my grandfather looked at my pictures, I listened to him tell me about his parents and sisters who were killed in the camps — the now silent gas chambers I saw at Auschwitz — and about his brother who disappeared in the Ukraine in 1940. At that moment, though consumed by a place so far in his past, I realized how deeply he was rooted in his present: his home of the past 65 years.

I realized my heritage could always be found on the tenth floor of a Toronto condominium whenever I was ready to listen. My grandmother, also born in East Europe, will soon publish her memoirs in English, 15 years after the Yiddish original that I could never read, appeared. I don't need to explain why that book will be more important to me, than her house in Bialystok which I never had a chance to see. Theirs is a heritage that lives here, in Canada.

But for me, it is one that could only be appreciated after visiting a place out of history, no longer meaningful, eclipsed by their vital present.

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B'NAI AKIVA FIRE

B'nai Akiva members in Bnai Brak remove burnt furniture from their clubhouse following a recent fire. The fire was started by extreme religious Haredim who object to the participation of B'nai Akiva members in the army as well as a form of national service that religious girls are able to opt for in place of army service. [IPPA photo]

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Welcome development

The announcement recently by American President George Bush and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl of an aid package totalling $24 billion for Russia is a welcome development.

Inflation, unemployment and national strife have been plaguing the former Soviet Union since its dissolution several months ago and the massive loan is intended to shore up the presidency of Boris Yeltsin.

Seven nations (including Canada), in addition to the United States and Germany, will be working with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in trying to help the Russians stabilize the ruble and re-schedule debt payments.

The United States' portion of the loan package is about $4.2 billion. Bush has indicated (*New York Times* April 2), moreover, that he will also be asking the American Congress to funnel as much as $15 billion in extra funds "to international lending institutions for interest-bearing loans in coming years to the former republics." Thus the loans envisaged come to almost $40 billion.

The magnitude of the financial aid recalls only one other such event in world history — the famous Marshall Plan instituted in 1948 to help European economies regain their equilibrium after World War II. The Plan, for all its faults, did help the European economies and has helped maintain peace in Europe for more than four decades.

It is interesting to note that the financial assistance being provided Russia and the former republics is designed to prevent anarchy and to promote democracy and the free market economy. There are no specific political strings attached to the largess.

This is all the more remarkable given the fact that the aid is being given to states which under communism represented only one or two years ago, the greatest military threat to the world.

By contrast, the United States has refused Israel — the only democratic entity in the Middle East these past 14 years — loan guarantees.

In the real world it sometimes seems that former enemies are treated better than longtime friends and allies.

Ordinary men

Canadians will recognize the name of Christopher R. Browning as belonging to the specialist in Holocaust studies who testified at the second trial of Ernst Zundel. Professor Browning, a non-Jew, provided testimony about the annihilation of European Jewry which went a long way in persuading the jury to find the defendant guilty.

Now Browning, a professor at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, has published a new and original study which has a vector not ordinarily found in Holocaust research. As Walter Reich has observed *(New York Times*, April 12), much is known about how the Nazis carried out their immorality beyond evil, but relatively little is known about how the executioners felt and what they thought about when they were travelling on the pavement of hell.

Browning has sought the answers to these questions in his remarkable book *Ordinary Men: Reserve Police Battalion 101 and the Final Solution in Poland* (Harper Collins), a chilling reconstruction of the psychological makeup of 125 men (out of 500) in their 30s and 40s who were impressed into Hitler's war against the Jews. The men in question were interviewed by West German authorities in the early 1960s in connection with Nazi crimes.

The 500 members of the German Order Police, as they were called, were sent to Poland in 1942 to participate in a special assignment. Police Battalion 101 was given the demonic task of killing Jews and, to this end, assistance was provided by "Trawniks" — local Germans, Ukrainians, Latvians and Lithuanians who were trained for the killing exercise at Trawniki near Lublin.

The reason these ordinary men participated in the orgy of murder was that Nazi propaganda had so debased the image of the Jew in their minds that murdering them was not considered improper. Browning shows, moreover, that after some initial skittishness, members of the police unit began to take diabolical pride in their handiwork. One policeman even brought his pregnant wife to show her his expertise in dispatching Jews!

Browning's revelations are disquieting on a number of grounds, not the least of which is the potent power of hatred in shaping men's deeds. The teaching of contempt for Jews, which was a staple of Nazi propaganda, desensitized the executioners of Reserve Battalion 101 and made it possible for them to disregard the moral inhibitions by which human beings order their world.

The lesson here is clear: Nazi hate literature, having demonstrated its poisonous potential in the Holocaust, represents once again today a threat to the civilized world; laws such as Canada's anti-hate statutes must therefore be strongly supported.

CELEBRATING BAR MITZVAH

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia celebrate their bar mitzvah at the Kotel (Western Wall). [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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TASK FOR GAYS

The "spiritual leaders" of the gay synagogue congregations have the potential to truly benefit their congregants in several ways. If those "leaders" encourage their followers to immerse themselves in Judaism by performing tefilah (prayer), teshuvah (repentance) and maasim tovim (good deeds and the 613 commandments), this will improve and refine their characters.

Even if the members of these "gay" congregations continue the practice of homosexuality, focusing on the above three basic tenents of Judaism should be the central concern in their lives.

Regardless of sexual orientation, tefilah, teshuvah and maasim tovim should be the central focus in every Jew's life.

David Marx
Toronto

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CRITICIZES CJN

Your editorial of April 9 pointing the finger at the anti-Israel press, would have been more convincing if you had included *The CJN* in this cabal.

Over the years the lukewarm attitude, at best, of *The CJN* to anything the government of Israel has done, differs only in degree from the rest of the press. Publishing PLO handouts; front page photographs of Arafat and King Hussein; a frenzied headline announcing David Levy's resignation from Cabinet (but not his return, which ended up on page 9); and the interminable interviews and statements of the negative Peace Now proponents - hardly qualifies *The CJN* to be spokesperson for the Jewish community on matters of importance to Israel's survival.

Aba Bayefsky
Toronto

Editor's note: Mr. Bayefsky's reading of The CJN is somewhat selective. We will continue to carry pictures of and interviews with newsmakers; however, we are not on the mailing list for press releases from the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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ADVICE TO QUEBEC

Rarely does one read as honest and perceptive an opinion piece as that by David Lazarus in the April 2 edition of *The CJN*. Of course, Richler's latest work is, as usual, rude, insulting, and, perhaps, not even intellectually balanced, e.g., Mr. Richler doesn't seem to have much time for those Quebecois who are fighting the sovreignists in the intellectual trenches.

But denouncing Richler as "politically incorrect" only helps prove his case. Much, much better (and it's not too late) would be for Quebecois to admit to shame for past failings, to pride in successes, e.g., provincial support to Jewish schools, and to deny Richler's assertion that the slogan 'Le Quebecois' doesn't have Greenbergs in mind.

David Gladstone
Ottawa

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LETTRE OUVERTE
A JEAN-CHARLES CHEBAT

Il est charmant que vos collègues "fortement nationalistes" vous dorlotent si bien, en tant que leur juif symbolique, et qui plus est, avec "des majorités confortables". On est heureux pour vous.

Moi aussi, je suis nationaliste, Monsieur Chebat, mais précisons: un nationaliste *canadien*. Ma nation à moi, c'est le Canada et seul le Canada. Qu'on me reprenne si je fais erreur, mais votre acception du mot nationaliste est fortement différente de la mienne: vos confrères, et selon toute vraisemblance, vous-même, vous n'êtes nullement nationalistes, vous êtes des séparatistes. C'est une autre paire de manches, Monsieur. Peu m'en chaut que vos collègues expriment des sentiments positifs envers "le courage et la détermination d'Israël..". Ce qui me compte uniquement, c'est que les séparatistes visent à détruire mon pays bien-aimé. Mordecai Richler, à qui vous vous en prenez avec acharnement, partage l'angoisse que nous autres nationalistes/patriotes, nous aussi éprouvons à l'heure actuelle. La sienne en est d'autant plus atroce qu'il est d'origine québécoise. Bien entendu, qu'il s'exprime toujours à sa tête; lui est provocant et souvent outraneier. Tant pis. Je ne suis pas féru de toutes ses déclarations, mais je sais sentir une persuasion profonde derrière ses paroles un peu dures et parfois blessantes: nulle région de notre pays n'a le droit de vouloir le détruire, quelles que soient ses revendications justes ou imaginaires.

Un mot de plus: bien qu'on puisse prendre Monsieur Richler pour un boulet aux pieds des intellectuels du Québec, cela ne soustrait rien de son talent et de son apport littéraire qui l'ont rendu l'un des écrivains les plus importants du Canada.

Thomas Z. Fahidy
Waterloo, Ont.

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DEFENDS WAGNER

Whether or not Ms. Gloria Allen believes the immortal musical achievement of Richard Wagner (1813-83) to be "overrated" is quite immaterial in musical and operatic history, because Wagner is and will continue to be numbered among the truly great composers of humankind.

As well, Prof. Ages' anti-Wagnerian crusade not only is unacceptable to a civilizational and liberal perception, but it borders dangerously on authoritarianism and dictates what Israelis are to be exposed to in music and what not. The Israeli Philharmonic does not want to "ignore" public performance of Wagner, but an obsessively militant grouping of Wagner-hatemongers has been terrorizing and threatening those Israeli conductors and musicians who dare to perform Wagner.

That Wagner was no pioneer in the Christian-Jewish dialogue is a truism and it is well-known also, that Wagner was a bigot, a person of questionable moral and ethical principles, a toady, an envious ingrate towards his contemporary fellow-composers, conductors and others. He was quite certainly imbued with predilection to Germano-folkism, also known as anti-Semitism. Yet to hold Wagner, who died six years before Adolf Hitler was even born, accountable and responsible for Hitlerist actions strains the credulous.

Wagner's great music was frequently incorporated into the synagogal compositions of Max Spicker (Emanu-El of New York), Lewandowski, Sulzer and others. The Sabbath-Sanctification (kedushah) of the Emanu-El worship service is literally lifted from Wagner's *Rienzi*, and one could cite any number of High Holy Day and Sabbath compositions comprising Wagner's compositions.

Wagner was unable to prevent the misuse of his musical creations, as these were, in fact, flagrantly misused during Adolf Hitler's tenure of office. To ban, boycott and otherwise try to prevent the performance of Wagner's works, there or in the Republic of Israel, represents one form of cultural barbarism.

Klaus J. Herrmann
Montreal

Opinion

It's still Pesach so I'll liberate my pen

By
J. B. SALSBERG

This week's column is written "erev" Pesach" (on the eve of Pesach) but you, the privileged readers, will not read it (if at all) until after the first half of Pesach, but at least during the Pesach week. I should, therefore, be as non-controversial as possible. After all we have only one Pesach but a lot of nagging and worrisome problems are hovering over us . . .

But what's being Jewish mean if not the right and duty to worry: worry even when things are not bad or when good? When things are good we worry that they won't last and when they are bad we worry that they may get even worse. The long-term effect of such a lifestyle is the development of a very sensitive national antenna that alerts us to developing dangers, but at times also to the exaggeration of such dangers.

For instance: The Communist regime came to an end in Russia and to all other people in that part of the world. That event was greeted with enthusiasm. It promised the introduction of some form of democratic regime.

But to Russian Jews it also suggested the massive re-emergence of traditional Russian anti-Semitism, that poisonous virus that was bred in Tzarist Russia, in the "greenhouses" of the Tzars and the Russian landowners, who wanted to hang on to feudalism as long as possible.

J.B. Salsberg

Gevalt! Why do I, who usually hesitate to kill a worm, disturb you, and on Pesach, with such unpleasant memories? Because on this erev-Pesach, too, the Jewish press, such as the Anglo-Yiddish Orthodox weekly, *Der Algemeiner Journal* of New York (March 27, 1992), reports on its front page, "Russian Immigrants (Olim) Escape from Israel through Hungary." Again gevalt!

Nu, is what? Haven't the Russian Jews the same right to leave Israel as have the Jews of America, of Canada and of other countries? Of course they have. But, as a cynical friend of mine says, the Russian emigrants should have given the North American Jews more of an opportunity to straighten their own backs and raise their own heads with pride as a result of their charitableness that makes the roller-coaster aliyah of Russian Jews possible . . .

However, I must confess that I welcome this Pesach, this Springtime of the whole world, with less youthful zest and enthusiasm than I did a quarter of a century ago with much, much less abandon than I did a half-century ago. The new worlds we dream of are always greener than the world we encounter, no?

The end of the historic era of European communism is not to be regretted. It had the germ of self-destruction: the dictatorship of the proletariat that Karl Marx had written in stone, so to speak. But the "new Europe" is not, in my view, something to be celebrated at the Pesach Seders this year.

I grew up in a period of history when "new worlds" were supposed to be born. That new world, at least in Europe, has reverted to what it was before the revolutions. But it was a becoming, multi-colored vision while it lasted. And that brings me, especially on Pesach, to the importance of national and international dreams in the evolution of nations and the world at large.

It seems to me, at this Pesach time, that a world with grand dreams in a multi-colored setting, is an essential part of mankind's laborious climb from the primitive stage to the loftiest levels of perfection.

What has all that to do with Pesach that we Jews welcome with such joy and enthusiasm? It has a lot to do.

To me, the glory of Pesach, the glory of our people's liberation from Egyptian slavery, is also the glorification of national dreams of all oppressed and enslaved peoples to materialize those dreams.

"But," some smart-alec reader will interrupt my meditations and say, "But, didn't you start this column with a lamentation for the Soviet Jews who turn their backs on Israel, the Jewish state, to which world Jewry helped them reach?" Yes, I'm aware of that. But I'm also aware of instances where some Soviet Jews who left Israel, are now publicly appealing for help to return to Israel.

Yes, that is actually happening. As it is true that some of our forefathers, who were liberated from Egyptian slavery, also had among them groups who demanded that they be returned to Egypt, when they recalled "the fleshpots of Egypt" during their hardships in the desert when on their march to freedom in the promised land . . .

All of which shows, to me personally, that I must also learn to exercise greater control of my pen (or typewriter).

However, let's celebrate the second part of Pesach!

Little Israel is not, thank heaven, so little anymore!

Female activist issues challenge to all

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

In San Antonio where the Central Conference of American Rabbis recently held its annual convention, an evening was given over to a consideration of women's issues. In many ways it was the most memorable session, for the guest speaker had much to say and was a great communicator to boot.

Francine Klagsburn, feminist activist, is a widely-read author. Amongst her books are *Too Young To Die — Suicide and Youth* and *Voices of Wisdom — Jewish Ideals for Everyday Living*. Klagsbrun is also a committed religious Jew. I met her when I participated in a panel on biblical studies at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, and she introduced the speakers.

The recurring refrain of her talk on women's present status was: "Much has changed, yet nothing has changed." On one hand, she was able to delineate the enormous progress that women made during the last generation, but on the other hand, she felt obliged to point out to her audience that, in many respects, women in our society still occupy a stereotypical place of subservience.

She addressed herself primarily to social and psychological stereotypes rather than to religious issues of women's rights and obligations — issues well-known to her listeners.

I remember especially her lead-off story. She had been appointed to jury duty and became an alternate juror in a civil suit. Thus she had to sit through the entire trial but did not participate in the sequestered deliberations. It so happened that, except for one man, all the jurors were women. Many of the latter were well-educated and one of them had been appointed as spokesperson (formerly called "foreman").

Rabbi Plaut

After the verdict had been announced and the case concluded, she called one of the women on the jury with whom she had become friendly, and asked how the proceedings had gone. What she heard was shocking and she relayed its substance to us.

As soon as the jury had filed in to their isolated quarters, there to deliberate, the lone man — according to Klagsbrun, the least educated of the whole group — strode to the place reserved for the spokesperson and addressed his fellow jurors as follows: "Well, girls, let's not drag this out and do a lot of chit-chat, let's get it over with so we can go back to work." The fact that one of the women had been appointed spokesperson did not faze him, which was bad enough. But what was worse was that none of the women objected to his actions. A man had assumed the traditional role of leader and they all succumbed to his authority. In that jurors' group, nothing had changed.

Based on this illustration, Klagsbrun drove home one of her major points: not all of the second class status in which so many women find themselves in our society continues to exist because of male resistance to change. Much is due to women's self-perception as weak, and in many areas, less competent than her male counterparts.

Klagsbrun also spoke of the growing rate of intermarriage. Why is it, she asked, that such marriages are contracted mostly by Jewish men and to a much smaller proportion by Jewish women? Her suggestion was to look at the image which Jewish women have assumed in our society. Do Jewish males shy away from the stereotypical "Jewish American Princess" (JAP) and prefer a less demanding but more wholesome non-Jewish partner? Is this a purely male construction or have Jewish women contributed to this imagery and consequent prejudice? Klagsbrun challenged her audience (amongst whom were many women rabbis): Maybe you can find a way that will deliver men from their fears of imagined JAPs and turn to Jewish women who are anxious to find Jewish husbands, but all too often fail and remain unmarried.

Klagsbrun brought no proof for her analysis, but at least she did what so many speakers fail to do with their audience — she gave us much to think about after the evening was over.

And lest you think that her main challenge was to women, it wasn't. She told us men plenty we needed to hear.

Language is everything in the Mideast

By
CYNTHIA OZICK

It was once an axiom that Palestinian meant Jews.

The Palestine Post was a Jewish newspaper. The soldiers who fought with the Allies in Egypt and Italy in the Jewish Brigade were referred to as Palestinians. The Palestine Pavilion at the 1939 New York World's Fair was Zionist.

Arabs in Palestine at that time never used the term Palestinian for themselves; they saw no shame in being known as Arab.

Arab suggests a proud — and wide — unity of culture.

Palestinian, nowadays applied to some Arabs, declares a narrow contemporary political program, a point no one emphasizes more than the Palestinians themselves.

Yet from a historical view, the terms Palestine and Palestinian have always been misnomers.

Palestine — Latin for Philistine — was the label spitefully affixed to the land by the Roman conquerors who in the year 70 drove out and scattered the Jews.

The name, intended as an offense, became entrenched as axiomatic -- though it was inherently illegitimate.

Jerusalem was restyled Aelia Capitolina, in a corrupt desire to bury history.

Still, where there were once Israelites, today there are Israelis: the links of Jewish national independence have been reconnected in a proper noun and the old Roman malice is undone.

But if Roman malice seems too stale to bother thinking about, consider that an identical process is going on before our eyes.

In less than 50 years, through revisionist polemics, verbal usurpations and powerful transmogrifications of languages, creeping redefinitions are once again turning into primordial international axioms.

Like Salvador Dali's melting watches, certain terms have grown surreal: shapeless, unstable, even unpredictable.

In the Middle East imbroglio, the names and meanings of things can no longer be counted on.

Language, of course, inexorably changes, even from one generation to the next.

But when terms become jelly overnight, it is no natural evolution we are witnessing. It is, rather, the adroit hand of the politically reformulating artist: a lexical prestidigitator with an axiom to grind.

That hand is at work in the reformulation of the meaning of "occupied territories," now almost universally applied to the land west of the Jordan River.

The term has become central to discussions of the peace process.

It is heard every day from the White House, in the United Nations and out of the mouths of newscasters.

It has long been the staple of journals worldwide.

It is the nucleus, the indispensable premise of the Palestinian delegation.

It is a locution so publicly accepted, so triumphant everywhere, so wholly organic in political terminology, that to dare to challenge it seems quixotic.

But like the old Roman malice, it is also cynically programmatic — an international mendacity justified neither by history nor by any normal understanding of language and law.

We used to know exactly what an occupied territory was.

When Nazi Germany took over the Netherlands, an internationally legitimate and historically recognized independent nation, the Netherlands unquestionably became occupied territory.

What made it so was precisely its prior sovereign status.

Since the demise of the Ottoman Empire after World War I, however, the unallocated territories known as the West Bank (a colorless, if not necessarily neutral, geographical designation) have never had any internationally recognized sovereign status.

They have never been recognized by any international body as belonging to any Arab state or to any claimant group.

The British Mandate's authority over them, intended as purely administrative and temporary, was dissolved by the United Nations in 1947.

Their partition designating an Arab share was violently nullified by the Arabs themselves.

Their seizure by Jordan between 1948 and 1967 was never internationally conceded: not a single Arab state acknowledged Jordan's claim to the West Bank, which in any case, Jordan itself finally renounced.

Under U.N. Resolutions 242 and 338, Israel continues to have an internationally mandated obligation, until there are peace treaties, to keep civil order in the lands that fell to it as a consequence of the 1967 and 1973 Arab assaults — wars instigated to wipe out the Jewish state.

Except for the Golan patch, currently subject to negotiations, these areas have never been formally or informally annexed by Israel.

The fact is, then, that for more than 70 years, there has never been a legally acknowledged claimant to the territories west of the Jordan River.

And since, in logic and law, there can be no occupation without prior sovereignty, how does one account for the axiomatic use of the term occupied territories?

What is at issue is disputed acreage.

Its national ownership is at this moment unresolved.

Its disposition remains undecided in international law.

Fairness in usage, accordingly, would be to avoid words reflecting the political agenda of one party only and to choose instead language that is neither polemic not tendentious, free of hidden advocacy and favoring neither Israelis nor Arabs.

To continue to accept as axiomatic "Israel-occupied West Bank," or "occupied Palestinian lands" is anything but neutral.

It is, willy-nilly, to pander to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) narrative and to work to legitimize it.

One need not be a cheerleader for Israeli settlement policy to understand that the Palestinian demand for an immediate and permanent freeze or dismantling can mean one thing only: Jews now living in these areas would presumably be shipped out.

It is a likelihood prefigured not only by the Palestinian outcry against their continued presence but also by the politically influential precedent of other Arab states whose thresholds no Jew may cross.

Approximately 800,000 Arabs, Christian and Muslims live in democratic Israel.

If still another Arab state axiomatically hostile to diversity came into being under a Palestinian aegis, would Dr. Ashrawi, for instance, wish to apply to the Arab citizens of Israel, the Palestinians' own formula for Jews in the territories?

Should a distaste for pluralism — ideally for people living amicably intermixed — become the standard?

As axioms go, this one is unacceptable.

(Cynthia Ozick is working on a play about Holocaust revisionism.)

Features

Bergen-Belsen evokes horrors of past

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

They stood there, distraught, embracing tenderly in the mellow sunlight of an early autumn day, the troubled man resting his head askew on the woman's shoulder.

It was deathly quiet, save for the periodic boom of coupling trains in the distance.

I will never forget the pain and anguish of that poignant moment, but not everyone who visits the former concentration camp in Bergen-Belsen is as visibly shaken by its bleak, ghastly sights.

Now a memorial cum-museum, Bergen-Belsen, the camp, was established by the Germans in the summer of 1943 and liberated by the British in the spring of 1945. It was demolished shortly afterwards to forestall the spread of infectious diseases.

Bergen-Belsen was the first camp to be liberated by the Allies and one of about 1,600 camps built by the Nazis from 1933 onward.

My parents, David and Genya, passed through its portals and somehow survived the relentless ordeal of forced labor, meagre rations and harsh living conditions.

But for tens of thousands of others, including Anne Frank, Bergen-Belsen was the last stop on a one-way journey to degradation and death.

Bergen-Belsen's chief victims were Soviet prisoners of war. As many as 50,000 Soviets may have died in this camp in northern Germany. An estimated 30,000 Jews also perished in Bergen-Belsen, which lies close to the much-visited Luneburg Heath and in a scenic agrarian region of Lower Saxony famous for its potatoes and honey.

Operated by the SS, Bergen-Belsen was originally not a concentration camp, but a German army training base and a prisoner-of-war camp. Later it was used as a special detention camp for Jews from Hungary and neutral states, such as Turkey and Spain, that Nazi Germany hoped to exchange for German PoWs. In this group were also Jews who held entry visas to Palestine.

In its time, Bergen-Belsen absorbed Polish, French, Greek, Dutch, Libyan and Yugoslavian Jews, as well as several hundred British, French, Belgian and anti-fascist Italian troops.

It could hold 10,000 people, but in 1944 its population — and its death rate — swelled. In March 1945 alone, starvation and epidemics claimed nearly 20,000 lives.

Although it was not planned as an extermination camp, like Auschwitz or Treblinka, Bergen-Belsen had a crematorium. But no one really knows how many corpses it consumed.

After its liberation on April 15, 1945, the Jewish survivors set up a camp committee under the leadership of Joseph Rosensaft. The American Joint Distribution Committee provided funds, enabling schools and youth movements to function, religious life to be organized, and a Yiddish newspaper, *Undzer Shtime*, to be published.

Eventually, most of the Jews from Bergen-Belsen immigrated to Palestine. Some went to the United States and Canada. A handful remained in western Germany. The camp was closed in September 1950, but almost a year elapsed before the last Jewish stragglers finally left.

Nearly all of Bergen-Belsen's commandants were executed or imprisoned. Several were acquitted.

Surrounded by dense pine forests, the Bergen-Belsen museum is financed by the state of Lower Saxony. Its director, Thomas Rahe, is a 34-year-old historian with a doctorate degree from Munster University whose thesis was on modern political Zionism.

In 1990, Bergen-Belsen had 440,000 visitors, compared to Dachau's 990,000. Many are Germans, and during my visit, I saw schoolchildren and soldiers. The majority of overseas visitors are American and Israeli survivors and their children. In May 1985, U.S. President Ronald Reagan paid a visit.

Visitors can pick up familiarization pamphlets in German, English, Hebrew, French, Dutch, Danish, Polish and Russian. Hungarian and Italian-language versions are planned.

Most visitors begin their tour by watching a 45-minute film of Bergen-Belsen. But since there have been complaints about its length, Rahe says, a shortened 20-minute documentary will replace it.

A topographical model of Bergen-Belsen, based on British reconnaissance photographs, is on view in the main hall. Temporary exhibits are held here. An exhibit on Soviet PoWs ended last year. An Anne Frank exhibit is currently on display.

The permanent exhibition hall, which was inaugurated in April 1990, strongly evokes the horrors of Bergen-Belsen through stark photographs, graphs and charts.

On the grounds are about 12 mounds covered with grass and heather characteristic of the area. They bear signs such as "Here Rest 2,000 Dead", and "Here Lie 1,000 Dead."

Scattered throughout are inconspicuous tombstones, placed there by relatives of the victims.

A simple stone monument, adorned with the Star of David and stylized broken tree stumps, pays tribute to the Jewish victims. It was erected on April 15, 1946 by the Central Jewish Committee.

A gray sandstone obelisk, built in 1952, is dedicated to all the martyrs — Jewish and non-Jewish. An adjoining memorial wall is inscribed in several languages, including Hebrew and Yiddish. Steps away is a wooden crucifix honoring the Poles who perished here.

On occasion, neo-Nazis have committed acts of vandalism in Bergen-Belsen — daubing swastikas and spray-painting offensive graffiti on walls and monuments. The last such incident occurred on Dec. 2, 1991.

Rahe, who has been director of the memorial since 1987, is not surprised. Bergen-Belsen, he explains, is a tempting and alluring target for racists eager to make a statement in a nation still struggling with its Nazi past.

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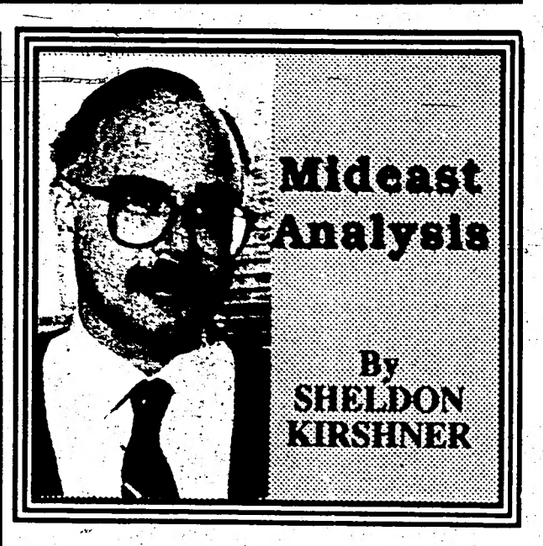
For further information, contact the German National Tourist Board in Toronto, 175 Bloor East, Suite 604. Telephone: 968-1570.

The Jewish monument in Bergen-Belsen.



Mideast Analysis

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Now that the main two parties have settled the leadership question and selected an official slate of candidates, Israel's election campaign has been launched in earnest.

And if the past is any guide, the contest pitting the ruling Likud bloc against the opposition Labor party will be razor close. Consider the results of the last three elections. In 1981, Likud and Labor won 48 and 47 seats, respectively. In 1984, Labor edged out Likud by 44 to 41 (Likud, however, still cobbled together a government.) In 1988, Likud beat Labor by the skin of its teeth, 40 to 39.

That suggests, of course, that coalition politics is still the name of the game in Israel. Since no single party can win a majority under the much-criticized system of proportional representation, the major blocs continue to be dependent on the small, marginal parties — which never fail to wring concessions out to the very last drop.

If deadlock prevails after the June 23 election, as is likely, it is quite possible that Prime MInister Yitzhak Shamir and Labor leader Yitzhak Rabin will seriously consider another option, a national unity regime. This is what happened from 1984 to 1990, when Likud and Labor shared power in a fractious marriage of convenience. During this period, Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon and brought down the soaring rate of inflation. Otherwise, the government was paralyzed by bitter infighting and chronic indecision. Consequently, most Israelis were not displeased when this two-headed administration finally expired in a welter of acrimony.

The Israeli election

In the run-up to this year's election call, Likud and Labor were riven by the usual factional divisions.

Even after Shamir defeated his main rivals in the race for the Likud leadership, Foreign Minister David Levy and Housing Minister Ariel Sharon, Likud was rocked by turbulence.

Levy — an extremely touchy man whom Shamir had deliberately snubbed during the ceremonial opening of the Madrid peace conference — was consigned to a lower ranking on Likud's Knesset list, while his supporters were elbowed out of positions of authority within the party bureaucracy. Crying foul and accusing the powers-that-be of Sephardi-bashing, Levy announced he would tender his resignation. Shamir flippantly described Levy's petulant grandstanding as a "joke." But in the end, Shamir gave in to Levy's demands for greater powers, and Levy returned to the fold.

But problems roiled the Labor camp as well.

At the party's convention late last year, conservatives rolled back gains that doves had achieved only a little earlier. Labor backed away from an endorsement of religious pluralism and of a settlement freeze on the Golan Heights. Not long afterward, delegates were called on to choose a leader. Shimon Peres, who had been at the helm since 1977, was narrowly defeated by Yitzhak Rabin, his perennial rival. Rabin is more hawkish than Peres, but insiders believe he has a better chance to topple Shamir.

Likud and Labor are running neck and neck, but according to pollster Mina Zemach, a quarter of the electorate remains undecided. New immigrants from the former Soviet Union, who could account for up to seven seats, may well play a crucial role in the election.

The platforms of the major players, Likud and Labor, enable voters to choose between fairly sharp contrasting visions, although wags are prone to compare them to Coca Cola and Pepsi Cola.

Likud is betting that the electorate is reasonably content with the territorial status quo and that its hardline policies will better assure Israel's security.

Labor says that Israel's future depends not on building new settlements, but on jobs, housing and improved infrastructure and transportation.

Rabin is opposed to returning to the pre-1967 frontiers — which Likud calls "Auschwitz" borders — but he favors territorial compromise and a settlement freeze in non-strategic areas. His reasoning is that they would encourage progress in current Arab-Israeli peace talks and enable Israel to comply with American conditions for receiving $10 billion worth of loan guarantees.

Brandeis rediscovers its Jewish roots

By
STEWART AIN

In his first year as president of Brandeis University, Samuel Thier is crisscrossing the country spreading the message that the school has again found its Jewish roots.

"Brandeis is the only secular institution created by the Jewish community," he says. "How you express the Jewish heritage of the school will vary, given that Jewish history is varied. The question is not whether but how to stay loyal to that heritage."

In such comments Thier, who was installed officially April 10 as the sixth president of the Massachusetts school, is seeking to put behind the controversy that five years ago rocked the university and led to the withdrawal of significant financial support from the Jewish community. Some observers estimated the loss at more than $2 million.

The controversy was caused by an identity crisis in which the school's leaders sought to broaden its student body, which is said to be about 80 percent Jewish. In 1987, Brandeis introduced pork and shrimp in the non-kosher cafeteria in what was billed as an attempt to bring an "international" flavor to the university, which was founded in 1948 as a place in which Jews could feel at home after facing restrictive quotas at other universities.

Evelyn Handler, then the university president, also introduced a new logo that eliminated the Hebrew word for "truth" and a school calendar that deleted the listing of Jewish holidays.

Student demonstrations followed and financial support to the university suffered. Handler took a sabbatical in the 1990-91 school year; before its end she announced she would not return. The school's interim president, Stuart Altman, then pledged to be "more open and forthcoming" about the school's Jewish heritage.

After being selected as president in the fall, Thier, a former chairman of the department of internal medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine, immediately set out to reinforce Altman's pledge.

"I see the pork and shrimp as a symptom [of the school's problems]," Thier said. He diagnosed the problem as not only the university's quest to find its identity, but "a self-consciousness about its origins."

That is over, Thier affirmed, saying Brandeis will remain "loyal" to its heritage. He said other universities may try to emulate Brandeis by adding kosher kitchens and offering Jewish studies courses, but none can ever make it the "central focus" that it is at Brandeis.

In a letter to alumni, Thier said the fact that Brandeis was founded by the Jewish community "must always be a source of pride. It should not be obfuscated in any way, shape or form. The corollary is that Brandeis has to be an institution at which Jewish studies are the best in the nation."

Thier, 54, is married and the father of three grown daughters. His wife, Paula, worked for the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., before their recent move to Brandeis.

Brandeis is one of the smallest of 58 universities in the Association of American Universities, a group of major research universities. It has 2,900 undergraduates, 700 graduates and a faculty of 350. In the fall, former Soviet refusenik Natan Sharansky will join the faculty as a visiting professor. He will teach politics and history and deliver a talk on the campus the week he is there. He will return in the spring for another week of lectures.

"There are two things that define Brandeis," Thier said. "We're a small, private research university and the one non-sectarian secular university provided by the Jewish community. That heritage is who we are."

Asked what happened in 1987, Thier replied: "I tend to think that people [at Brandeis] made a misstep."

He said shrimp has been removed from the non-kosher kitchen and pork is served only as part of a rice dish during special Chinese evenings. The Hebrew word for "truth" is back in the school logo, and Thier has directed the Jewish holidays be placed back in the calendar. Also, the kosher cafeteria has been doubled to accommodate up to 600 students.

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Mount Sinai's Dr. Ludwig to be feted with fellowship

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
In recognition of 40 years of obstetrical practice at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital, Dr. Bernard Ludwig, senior obstetrician and gynecologist at the hospital, is being honored by his patients and colleagues in the medical profession and friends, with the establishment of the Dr. Bernard Ludwig Maternal/Fetal Medicine Fellowship.

The community-based Dr. Bernard Ludwig Fellowship Committee co-chaired by Allan Silber and David Reichmann, is seeking a $350,000 endowment fund to ensure the ongoing existence of this fellowship.

"It is believed to be the first time that members of the community have come forth to establish a fundraising effort to honor one of our physicians," said Jodi Macpherson, Mount Sinai's director of public relations.

"The Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation is approaching members of the community whose lives have been touched by the career of Dr. Ludwig to contribute to our vision to honor this physician," Silber said. "His steadfast attention to his patients is unequalled."

Silber said that Dr. Ludwig's skill and expertise "is legendary amongst his medical colleagues. He was responsible for teaching many of them the skill and art of obstetrics, always sensitive to the individual needs of his patients.

Reichmann explained that maternal/fetal medicine is the field of high-risk obstetrics which involves the care of what are often very complicated pregnancies. The University of Toronto was one of the first medical schools in Canada to identify the need for training in this area.

In the last decade, Mount Sinai Hospital has established itself as a leading North American centre for obstetrical care.

Every year, more than 5,000 babies are delivered at Mount Sinai and nearly 750 women requiring specialized care are referred to Mount Sinai maternity program from across the province and country.

The establishment of the Maternal/Fetal Medicine Fellowship would attract a trained obstetrician of outstanding calibre, who wishes to pursue this subspecialty for a two-year period to Mount Sinai Hospital.

"As well as enhancing and fostering the skill and art of complicated obstetrics and furthering research into new methods of care in obstetrics so that birth may become safer for both mother and baby, the fellowship will carry Dr. Ludwig's name and Mount Sinai Hospital to the forefront of academic circles internationally, through the publication of new research by the Fellow," said Silber.

For more information on the Dr. Bernard Ludwig Fellowship or to make a donation, call the Mount Sinai Hospital (416) 596-4200, or write to 600 University Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5G 1X5.

Dr. Bernard Ludwig

BB LODGE INSTALLATION

Frank Dimant (right), executive vice-president of Bnai Brith Canada, installs Albert Ohana (left) as president of Forestdale Heights Lodge at the lodge's 25th anniversary Silver Jubilee installation. With Ohana is Gabe Nachman, past president of the lodge and president-elect of BBC.

Bloor branch JCC to honor Winick

TORONTO —
The Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto will pay tribute to Ted Winick, a dedicated Y man and an officer and director, at a testimonial dinner on Tuesday, May 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Avenue.

A "water-baby" at the original Y building on Brunswick Avenue, Winick has been chosen Man Of The Year in recognition of a lifetime of service to the centre and to the Jewish community. He has served on the executive of New Leadership and the Construction Development Division of State of Israel Bonds.

Winick spearheaded the strategic planning study at Bloor branch and helped restructure a formula for the branch in the 90s.

He is a principal mover in the vision fundraising campaign for the agency.

As a result of a generous gift by the three Winick brothers, the aquatic centre at Bloor bears the name of their parents, Alex and Eva Winick.

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Cuban children at their Hebrew class in Havana, along with their teacher Moisés Asis.

Jewish communities receive Passover food

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

For the 25th year in a row, Cuba's Jewish population will enjoy kosher wine, fried matzah and fish with horseradish, all washed down with a glesel tea, thanks to the generosity of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

Thirteen thousand pounds of kosher for Passover food was recently shipped to Cuba, said Dr. Edmond Lipsitz, executive director of the Ontario region. Included in the shipment was 3,000 lbs. of matzah, 3,000 lbs. of matzah meal, 1,000 cans of tuna, 840 bottles of wine, 2,400 boxes of tea, 1,500 cans of sardines and 500 jars of horseradish — enough food to meet the immediate Passover needs of the community's 1,000 members with leftovers to last well into the rest of the year, he said.

Meanwhile, Congress has added recently-arrived Ethiopian immigrants in Israel and Converso Jews in the north Portugal village of Belmonte as beneficiaries of its Passover Moess Chittim (money for wheat) program, Lipsitz said.

Congress has forwarded $7,200 (U.S.) to Rabbi Yosef Hadone, chief rabbi of Israel's Ethiopian Jews, to go towards the purchase of Passover produce for the country's less well-off immigrants.

A further $3,000 (U.S.) was forwarded to the 60-family Converso community in Belmonte, Portugal, which recently converted back to Judaism after living as secret Jews for 500 years, he said. Congress learned of the community from Haim Zohar, executive director of the Israel-based Pincus Fund, which supports Jewish education in small communities worldwide. Zohar helped provide the educational materials requested by the community prior to its conversion, Lipsitz said.

This year, because of the difficult economic situation in Cuba, Congress increased its Passover shipment by about 20 percent, he said. While shipping foods from Montreal would have saved Congress about $12,000 (U.S.), the possibility of ice on the St. Lawrence River would have made the consignment's timely arrival too problematic, he said. The decision was made to forward $31,000 (U.S.) to the Mexican Jewish community, which was to have completed the shipments prior to the onset of Passover.

The Mexican community also contributed foodstuffs, which are able to enter Cuba with only a slight import charge, he added.

About 800 Jews reside in Havana, with the rest living in outlying areas. The city maintains two synagogues, the Orthodox Adas Israel, which holds prayer services daily, and the Conservative Patronato Synagogue, which has weekly Shabbat services, Lipsitz said.

HIGH HOPES

Officers and lay leaders of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Jewish agencies and synagogues recently returned from the Toronto Community Leadership Mission. Robert Engel, chairman of the Federation's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, was among the mission participants who greeted Russian olim on the tarmac at Ben-Gurion airport.

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto--United Jewish Appeal / Operation Exodus Jack Chisvin, President Steven Ain, Executive Director Thursday, April 23, 1992

Events Calendar

A Day in the Warsaw Ghetto, a film by Jack Kuper, will be broadcast on CBC Television on Thursday, April 30. Check TV listings for time and channel.

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The Children's Choir of the Anne Frank High School in Budapest, under the direction of Cantor Eli Kirshblum, will perform at Adath Israel Congregation on Monday, May 1, at 8 p.m. The concert will follow "The Joy of Singing," an audience participation sing-along.

Professor Dr. Yaffa Eliach of Brooklyn College in New York City will conduct a lecture on "The Art of Jewish Survival — Hasidic Tales of the Holocaust" on Sunday, May 10, at 8 p.m. at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. Eliach is the past director of the Holocaust Documentation Centre in New York City.

The event is being co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance committee. □

For information on the events listed, call 635-2883, ext. 144.

Holocaust committee & JF&CS will co-host conference

The Jewish Family & Child Service, in conjunction with the Holocaust Remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, will sponsor a conference on Wednesday, May 20, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Lipa Green building. The theme of the event will be "Holocaust Survivors and their Families: Responding to their Needs."

The event is designed for psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, clergy and other mental health professionals who are involved with trauma victims and their families.

Dr. Alan Bardikoff, a psychologist, will chair the conference. Guest speakers will include: Dr. Robert Krell, a professor of psychiatry at the University of British Columbia; and Myra Gieborovitch of Montreal Jewish Services for the Elderly.

For more information, contact Pnina Spetgang, director of the Holocaust Remembrance committee, at 635-2883, ext. 144. □

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

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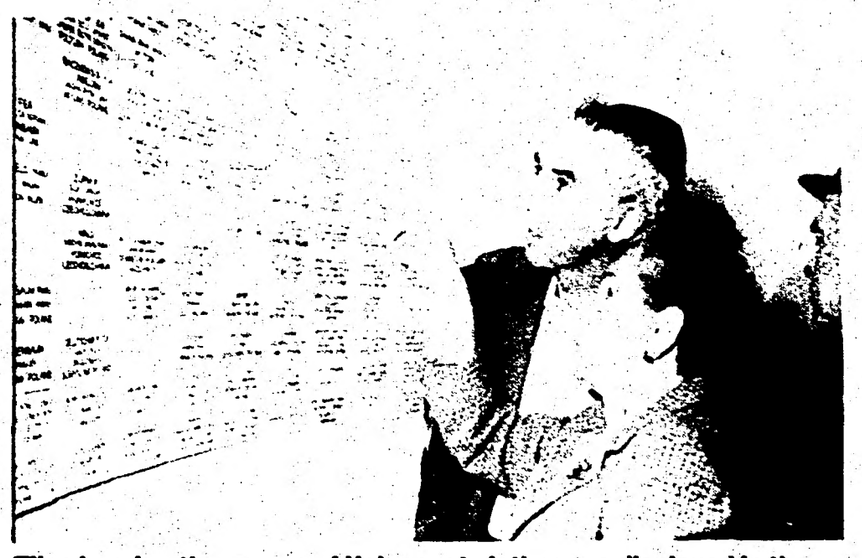
Tile inscription deadline set for Hall of Memories

FEDERATION — The Holocaust Remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has set a Sept. 1 deadline for the names of Holocaust victims to be inscribed on ceramic tiles in the Hall of Memories — a small room in the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto.

Those who participate in the tile project will be invited to take part in a memorial service and dedication ceremony, which will be held at the centre during the upcoming High Holy Days.

So far, 700 hand-made tiles, representing 5,000 names, have been created for the memorial hall.

According to Gerda Frieberg, founding chairman of the centre and immediate past chairman of the National Holocaust Remembrance committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Hall of Memories is "a place of quiet contemplation, where a family memorial service may be held. It is a link between the past and the future."



Tiles bearing the names of Holocaust victims are displayed in the Hall of Memories.

She explains that it is not only survivors who must come forward with the names of victims — but those who did not experience the Holocaust who lost relatives should also offer the names of their murdered family members.

"We cannot afford the luxury of postponing this project any longer," she says. "We owe it to our grandchildren for the sake of their heritage." □

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee is a department of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and a beneficiary of its United Jewish Appeal.

Chairman's message

Our greatest satisfaction this past year was We Were Children Just Like You, the successful and major exhibit in the city of North York, which featured curator Dr. Yaffa Eliach of Brooklyn College in New York City.

Co-sponsored by the North York Board of Education, the photo exhibit attracted over 6,000 junior and senior high school students. Over 3,000 general admission patrons were also moved by what they saw.

The photographs were especially meaningful for the young viewers, who were able to relate to the young faces they were seeing in the pictures. Each group had the opportunity to meet a Holocaust survivor who gave them a first-hand testimony.

Personally, it was a great satisfaction to welcome over 150 volunteers from Anne Frank, our previous exhibit. Our gratitude to them is of immense measure.

The latest addition to the Holocaust Remembrance committee is the Child Survivors sub-committee. Child Survivors emerged as the result of the First International Hidden Child Conference that took place last May in New York.

Formed primarily as a support group, it is comprised of hidden children and child survivors. Special programs and events are being planned in conjunction with other sub-committees.

I urge all child survivors in the area to get involved in our newest sub-committee.

On behalf of our committee, I would like to thank three outgoing sub-committee chairmen, valued for their dedication and expertise regarding the cause of Holocaust remembrance: Frank Bialystok, Holocaust Education; Nira Lerman, Holocaust Education Week; and Mort Lightstone, public relations.

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Regards,
Robert Engel

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Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto--United Jewish Appeal / Operation Exodus

A tough issue

Do you dread walking the short distance from the JCC to your car after dark? Are your loved ones concerned about your safety when you are out for the evening?

If so, you are not alone. And if you are a man concerned about the safety of a female loved one, neither are you alone.

The time has come for Jewish men and women to address the issue of violence against women. We must sensitize our community to the urgency of the issue at home, in the streets, in the schools, on campus and beyond.

Look at the statistics listed on this page. They are shocking. Like other communities within Toronto, we are not exempt from or above the statistics. Violence against women is increasingly occurring among Jews.

Clear your calendar for our program, "A Forum on Violence Against Women," on Tuesday night at Adath Israel Congregation. It's our opportunity to address the issues and to come away with a positive course of action that will help make the Jewish community a haven of comfort for the victims of violence. □

Domestic violence against Jewish women addressed

JF&CS — Ten years ago, when the Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) intake switchboard received a call from a woman about marital violence, she was told to bring her husband in and they'd discuss the matter.

Those days are over, according to Rayna Knobler, a social worker at JF&CS.

"That situation was frightening for her," Knobler explains. "The woman couldn't talk freely and she was terrified of the consequences once she got home."

Wife abuse was not reported nor did the social workers of the day ask callers about it. It simply was not discussed, so it was not recognized as an issue, she continues.

Over the last five or six years, social workers have become increasingly aware of woman abuse within the Jewish community.

Media presentation and the women's movement have encouraged more women to report violence. Women are more apt to come forward, because it's become less an area of shame and humiliation, says Knobler.

Currently, the JF&CS open case load of woman abuse is 134, an increase over the past couple of years.

Toronto has a kosher shelter for women, operated jointly by JF&CS and B'nai Brith Women. It is a single-unit apartment that runs at a 70-percent occupancy rate. Since it began three years ago, it has been a temporary refuge for 22 Jewish women.

"They come from all walks of life and levels and styles of Jewish observance," says Knobler.

Lucy Van Wyk, who is a colleague of Knobler at JF&CS, will be part of a panel that will address violence against women on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Adath Israel Congregation. Van Wyk will focus on the Jewish perspective of woman violence. June Callwood will moderate the discussion. Three other speakers on the topic will be featured.

For reservations and information, call Judith Komlos at 635-2883, ext. 174. □

Not all men silent on issue

For too long, the issue of women's safety has been the responsibility of women, says Ron Sluser, coordinator of the human services program at George Brown College.

Sluser will be a panelist in the upcoming Forum on Violence Against Women.

"It's been put upon the women, that their personal safety is their own issue," he says. "So women take self-defense courses. Women don't walk the streets at night. Somehow, we need to come to the

From coast to coast last December, men donned white ribbons in solidarity with the plight of violence against women. Sluser, along with colleague Michael Kaufman, came up with the idea for the week-long demonstration. Somewhere up to 100,000 men participated by wearing the ribbons. "That is the kind of indicator that says it's time — that it's not just a women's problem, and that men can do something. □

The Social and Political Action Committee
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Facing the Facts

- The overwhelming majority of sexual assaults are committed by males against females.
- One in four women in Canada will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime; one-half of these women will be under the age of 17.
- 68.5 percent of women who are sexually assaulted are assaulted by men they know.
- Women of all ages and physical types from every cultural, racial, religious and socio-economic background, including disabled and elderly are sexually assaulted. At least one in 10 women is battered by her male partner.
- 62 percent of all women murdered in Canada are victims of domestic violence.
- Over half of all sexual assaults take place in public places that are unsafe for women.
- 60 to 90 percent of all sexual assaults in Canada are never reported to the police.

VOICE to perform

VOICE (Violence Overcome in Creative Ensemble), a women's theatre troupe, will reenact two scenes from their film FIRES OF TRANSFORMATION, written by Katherine Marielle and Maurizio Belli. Two scenes will be performed by the troupe at A Forum on Violence Against Women, presented by the Social and Political Action committee of the Jewish Women's Federation, on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Adath Israel Congregation.

The troupe consists of women who are survivors of wife assault and other forms of violence against women and children. They will perform scenes that deal with date rape and the courtroom.

FIRES OF TRANSFORMATION chronicles VOICE's 1990 National Tour, taking its viewer on an emotional and triumphant journey across Canada.

The social and political action (SP&A) committee of the Jewish Women's Federation hopes to bring awareness with their program on violence against women. Those involved in organizing the upcoming event are, from left, sitting: Susan Gordin, annual program co-chair; Jill Goldberg Reitman, SP&A co-chair; and Beverley Holtzman, JWF president. Standing are: Maxine Granovsky, SP&A co-chair; and Lori Dennis, annual program co-chair.

Being a good listener best advice, says Callwood

'You have to have a resource before you can count noses,' says June Callwood, renowned journalist and social activist. Callwood will be moderating JWF's upcoming Forum on Violence Against Women.

"Only then can you get the service — on the assumption that it's needed," she explains.

If it sounds like putting the cart before the horse, that's the case. Once a women's shelter is set up in a community, female victims of violence come forward and the shelter is usually occupied.

Women who are abused suffer from poor self-esteem, says Callwood. Some women who have never been abused find themselves in love with men who have explosive tempers.

"At some point, she's got to make a decision about balancing her love for her husband against the fact that he's been beating her. And it will most likely accelerate."

Men who abuse women generally suffer from low self-esteem. "They might just be people whose lives never got put together very well. They're prone to be very jealous and dominating," she explains. "And after marriage, he will hurt her more and more. But by then, she is often so dazed and confused, it's hard for her to get out."

Callwood notes that there are 15 hostels for women in Toronto. One of them is a kosher unit, run jointly by Jewish Family & Child Service and B'nai Brith Women. She also notes that in Israel, where there is a desperate need for more attention to the problem of violence against women, there is one shelter that is located in Tel Aviv and run by WIZO.

She adds, "The worst thing you can do for a victim of violence is to say, 'You should leave him'. All you can offer them is, 'I'm here to help you if you need us'. Offer practical help. Not the other way around."

Callwood has written 24 books. Her articles have appeared in numerous newspapers and periodicals. She has hosted many CBC television and radio programs, and most recently has been hosting National Treasures, a Vision-TV series.

Callwood is a co-founder of Nellie's Hostel for Women. She is involved with many other social and humanitarian organizations and has received awards from many Jewish organizations. □

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Organizations and People

Overabundance of doctors blamed for health care costs

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —
Ontario has twice as many family doctors as it should have and this is one of the reasons health care costs in the province are so high, Dr. Martin Barkin said here recently.

"I don't mean to give offence to family physicians but under the World Health Organization definition, Ontario should have 4,500 family doctors but instead we have 9,000 plus 2,500 specialists," he said.

The new president-elect of Deprenyl Research Limited, the firm marketing a drug against Parkinson's disease, Dr. Barkin is a past president of Sunnybrook Hospital and was deputy minister of health for Ontario 1987-1981.

He took part in a panel on health costs with Professor Bernard Dickens, professor of law and medicine at the University of Toronto, at Beth Tikvah Synagogue in a series on biomedical ethics observing the synagogue's 25th anniversary.

There is a misconception that "big ticket" items such as open-heart surgery are the reason for spiralling costs, Dr. Barkin said. "The great costs are not in high-tech medicine. Heart surgery operations only account for $35 or $40 million out of a total budget of $17 billion."

Ontario faces a period of "significant dislocation" in its health services in the next 12 to 18 months as the government tries to cope with the recession, he said, predicting that 5,000 to 15,000 hospital beds will be closed in the next 24 months. Doctors face a $70 million "clawback" on payments made to them.

One thing that bodes well for the future is that Ontario doctors have changed from their "confrontational" attitude to one of open co-operation with the government, he said.

In the question period, Dr. Barkin said a user fee deters the poor and those who need medical services the most from using them. "A $5 fee to visit the doctor will not stop frivolous use." However, he saw some merit in user fees for lab tests, hospital care and referrals to specialists.

Canadians are far healthier than Americans and pay far less for health services, but the national per capita expenditure on health in Canada is the second highest in the world, exceeded only by the United States, even though Canadians are among the youngest people in the world. Canada spends twice as much per capita on health as England.

Scarce resources mean that there will be battles over where money on medical research should be spent, said Prof. Dickens. "Blacks have been pitted against Jews over whether more money should be spent on Tay-Sachs disease, which affects Ashkenazi Jews, or sickle cell anemia, which affects blacks. In the United States the decision has been to spend more on sickle cell anemia."

Dr. Barkin said he opposed "delisting" of infertility clinics which would mean that women requiring in vitro fertilization would have to pay for the services themselves.

WORLD ORT UNION MEETING

Women's Canadian ORT leaders at recent World ORT Union executive meetings in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the hub of WOU's Latin American operations. Seen here are WCO national president Lydia London beside WOU director-general Joseph Harmatz and (from left) Edie Glazer, first vice-president, and Harriet Morton, past president of WCO. ORT operates in 11 countries in Latin America.

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Organizations and People

Anti-Semitism 'alive and well' Raphael tells lawyers' group

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

A young observant Jewish lawyer was denied his request recently to leave the court on the eve of Sabbath by a judge who said he was too busy and it would be too costly to hold the case over until Monday.(The case has not yet been decided.)

"This shows that anti-Semitism is alive and well in Toronto in 1992," said Bert Raphael, president of the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada.

Raphael told a luncheon meeting that he was asked by a judge: "Why are these guys still wearing yarmulkes in court?"

He made his remarks in thanking Nathan Lewin, the guest speaker, a Washington attorney, who, among other civil rights victories, won the right for a psychologist in the United States Air Force to wear a yarmulke while in uniform, and for a menorah to be placed outside the city hall in Pittsburgh.

The luncheon was sponsored by the Foundation and the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

Lewin said the psychologist actually faced a court martial if he did not stop wearing the yarmulke. One of the key items of evidence before the U.S. Supreme Court, he said, was a yarmulke in battle camouflage colors sent to the court by a Jewish chaplain with the invading forces in Granada to prove that the yarmulke was not incompatible with military service.

Lewin, an Orthodox Jew, is mediating the issue of whether a gay and lesbian congregation should be permitted to be a member of the Washington Jewish council.

In the U.S. today there is serious dissension between the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith and the American Jewish Congress over interpretation of what rights should be allowed under the first amendment, Lewin said.

He agreed with a questioner that Jews face a serious situation. "There is too much of a tendency by Jews in the United States to think everything is okay. Things are dangerous. There should be a cry of alarm; economic conditions, that's the danger. It can't be swept under the rug."

Black leaders should speak out against the anti-Semitic statements of Jesse Jackson and other blacks, Lewin said. He added that he was unsuccessful in convincing local black leaders in Washington to do this when he headed the Jewish council there.

"This is a sad situation. Anti-Semitism exists and not just among the uneducated blacks."

Survivor's offspring seeks family

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

In a poignant letter that arrived at the *CJN* office not long ago from California, computer programmer Sara Steinberg expressed hopes of finding long-lost members of her late mother's family.

"My mother's maiden name was Miriam Domast," wrote Steinberg. "She suffered a massive stroke in 1969 that affected her speech centre. We could never again have a complete conversation. I could never again find out about her life and family in Poland, her experiences during the war, or any of that." The older woman died in 1988.

Steinberg says that her mother was born in either Lodz or Lublin, and was one of seven or eight siblings, all girls except for one brother. She recalls that two older sisters, who taught school at Beth Jacob, were named Shaindel and Frymet.

Their father's name was Sloima Domast, and he and his wife ran a dry goods store, which Steinberg thinks burned down at some point. Sloima Domast died around 1936, said Steinberg, in an accident at a railway crossing.

Miriam Domast Steinberg, circa 1946

Steinberg's father, Mendel, married Miriam in Poland in the late 1930s. He worked for his own father as a shoichet and butcher on their cattle ranch.

Then came the Holocaust. Steinberg's knowledge of this episode in her parents' history may not be entirely accurate, she cautioned in a telephone interview.

Her parents were not in a concentration camp, she says, although her father was in a work camp at the beginning of the war. His parents bought his way out.

She believes her parents were sent to the interior of Russia, which they later fled to avoid army conscription for her father. They arrived in Germany in 1944 or 1945, where Hannah, the oldest of their four children was born shortly afterwards.

All four Steinberg children (Hannah, Leah, Solomon, who died in a car accident in 1981, and Sara) were born in Germany before the family immigrated to the United States in 1951.

The Steinbergs were resettled in Minneapolis by the Jewish Agency, where Mendel Steinberg worked as a butcher and shoichet. When they had saved enough money, they bought a farm in Barbertown, New Jersey, settling several years later in Queens and the Bronx.

Steinberg's two sisters still live in New York. She has been in California since 1976. To the best of her knowledge, nobody from her mother's immediate family survived the Holocaust, but she has memories of her mother talking about relatives in Canada. "I want to reconnect with her family," says Steinberg.

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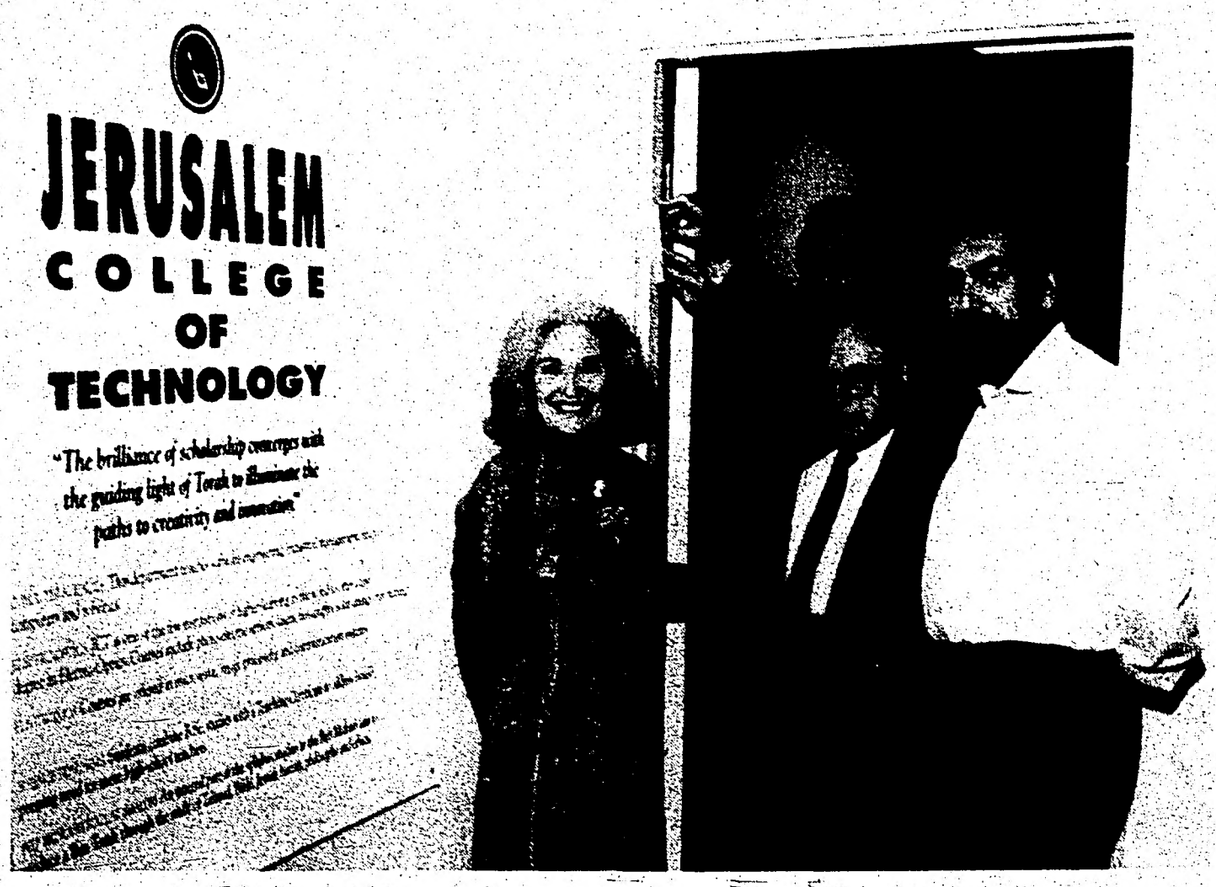

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Los Angeles program helps settle olim

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"As long as aliyah is in the hands of Israelis, it is doomed to fail," said Prof. Gerald Bubis, chairman of the Los Angeles-based National Aliyah Committee at a dinner for prospective members of the new Toronto Israel Opportunities committee. The group was formed recently to provide a link between the Israel Aliyah Centre and the Jewish community as an umbrella and resource service regarding Israel- and aliyah-related programs.

Bubis described the premises upon which the LA program is based, beginning with the premise quoted above. The program, in its seventh year, runs counter to many of the established notions about aliyah.

In planning the project, Bubis and his colleagues asked themselves, "What are the most radical things we can do so we own aliyah?"

A top priority was partnership with the local community, evidenced by joint funding from LA's Jewish federation and the World Zionist Organization. The committee insisted that their offices be adjacent.

Instead of a native Israeli shaliach (as is the case in Toronto and in most Diaspora communities that have an aliyah office), they brought back one of their own olim who had been through the process. "We wanted a doogmah (example) of somebody who had made aliyah successfully," said Bubis.

Bubis, who spends time in Israel every year, objects to the very word "aliyah" (which means "going up" in Hebrew), although it is still used. "It has a value notion that when you come back you've somehow failed. If I've had five years in Israel, I want that to be relished. No-one can take that back."

Since 1948 at least two-thirds of North American olim have come back, said Bubis. "We said to ourselves, 'What makes the failure rate what it is'?"

Bubis has concluded that what occurs after aliyah is even more important than what precedes it. "What we set in motion means nothing unless we understand that the klitah (absorption) process is the most important."

The LA committee considered pre- and post-aliyah issues. They recruited a panel of social workers as volunteers to go to Israel and experience Israeli bureaucracy "as if they were making aliyah, so that when they came back, they could counsel each potential oleh," said Bubis. They introduced "culture shock workshops" to prepare olim for "signs in a language you can't read and the wonderful warmth you [don't] get when you try to cash a cheque in a bank or order a telephone." They set up an extensive computer job registry and support groups for parents of prospective olim.

"That's this side of the water," said Bubis. The LA group also established an emergency loan fund for unanticipated post-aliyah contingencies, and a buddy system to match new olim with established ones who also immigrated from LA.

"We haven't raised the number of olim," said Bubis, "but there are far more staying in Israel." Their return rate is down to less than 20 percent from two-thirds before they implemented the program.

Eitz Chaim Schools to honor Korolneks

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Max and Harry Korolnek and the 41 past presidents of the Mothers' Association are being honored at this year's Eitz Chaim Schools' annual dinner.

The event will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 6 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in Thornhill.

Harry Korolnek will receive the Keser Torah Award and Max Korolnek the Keser Shem Tov Award.

Max and Harry, two of the seven children of Itshe Meyer and Alte Toba Korolnek, two of the chief founders of the school, have been active in supporting Eitz Chaim over the years.

Harry is a past president of the school, and has been a life member of the board of directors since 1969.

Max has been a generous contributor to charitable causes around the world.

Harry and Max Korolnek "have always formed an effective team, with Max holding down the fort at the Consolidated Bottle Co., allowing Harry to devote more time to communal affairs," says dinner chairman Joy Zigelman.

The activities of the Mothers' Association include such diverse endeavors as the learnathon, which raises funds for UJA, arranging for breakfasts for the boys and lunches for all the students, an annual tea, kindergarten graduation, a safe arrival program and fundraising projects for the school.

"With these monies, we have been able to purchase audio-visual equipment and computers, revamp the library, and purchase playground equipment," said Zigelman, herself a past president.

"Their devotion and enthusiasm have enhanced the flavor of the school," she said.

Just prior to the dinner, the Spring Farm campus of Eitz Chaim will be dedicated in honor of Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum, in recognition of their many contributions to the school.

For more information, or to reserve for the dinner, contact Joy Zigelman, co-ordinator of the evening, at 789-4366.

Max (left) and Harry Korolnek will be honored along with the past presidents of the Mothers' Association at the annual dinner of Eitz Chaim Schools.

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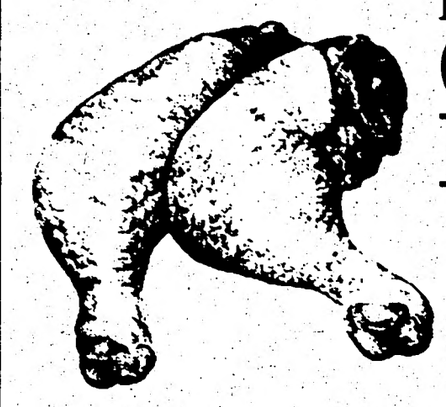
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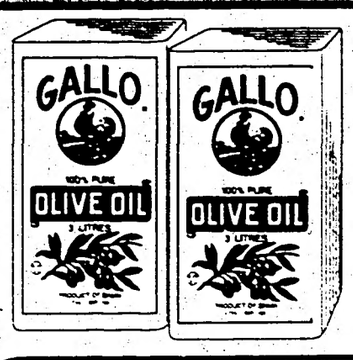

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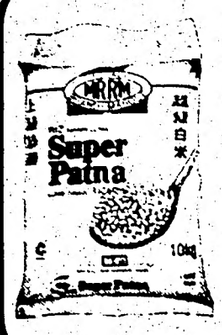

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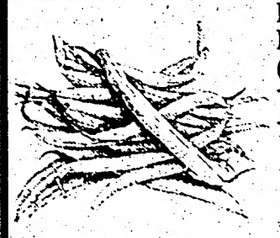
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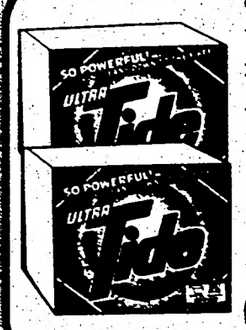

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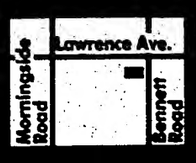

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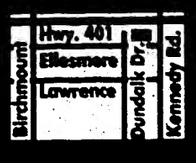

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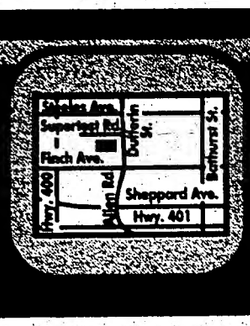

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Reena clients enjoy family Pesach seder

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Passover may have come a little early but it certainly came in full force at the annual Reena family seder held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

More than 400 Reena clients, family and staff members enjoyed the music of the Makhelat Reena choir conducted by Marilyn Birenbaum, ate traditional Passover foods and read the Passover Haggadah adapted for the Reena Foundation. The organization's goal is to integrate people with developmental handicaps into the community.

Lori Scheim, Judaic advisor for the Reena Foundation and a member of the seder planning committee, welcomed everyone to the seder saying "what a great feeling it is for everyone to get together once a year as a big family. The word mishpocha brings with it a feeling of caring and warmth, and we at Reena are certainly one caring mishpocha."

Rabbi Wayne Allen, spiritual leader of Beth Tikvah Synagogue, said that there are always going to be people who are not as capable as others and they must be included as well. "We must protect, support, nurture and love every Jew," he said. "That is why we are here — to embrace and welcome all of you."

He stressed that "no matter who or what we are, we must remember that some day we won't be at the head of the line which is why we must remember to welcome each and every Jew."

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, founding chairman of the Reena Foundation, said that "without Reena, many people would not be celebrating Passover tonight. We should say with a full heart, thank G-d that Reena exists."

He praised Reena clients for "taking to life with a zest and enthusiasm. Reena means song, joy and laughter and at your own seders you must remember to thank G-d for all you've got."

The Haggadah explained the order of the seder, and included diagrams of such things as washing the hands before eating karpas, reciting the kiddush, breaking the middle matzah, eating a vegetable dipped in salt water and telling the Pesach story.

The seder included the blessings and Four Questions recited by Reena clients, singing of *Dayenu*, opening the door for Elijah and finding the afikomen.

Reena staff acknowledged Don Mills and Thornhill Lodges of B'nai Brith for their generous donations made to the Reena Foundation for the seder. The Reena staff planning committee included Susan Eckler, Arlene Margolese, Larry Himmel, Susan Rannie, Rumi Gutter, Minnie Ross, Maxine Sugar, Sol Fleising and Lori Scheim.

Reena clients participating in the annual Reena Family Seder at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Humorist set to address UJA Young Adults Group

TORONTO —

The Young Adult Division of United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus, in co-operation with the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, will hold a wine and cheese reception on April 30, at 7:30 p.m., at the Lipa Green building.

The guest speaker will be author and humorist Allan Gould. He will talk about how Jewish humor works and what it says about the Jews.

Gould has taught dozens of courses at synagogues, religious schools and book fairs across North America. He taught English, theatre and humanities at York University, University of Guelph, Ontario College of Art and University of Toronto.

He has also appeared on numerous Canadian radio and television programs. His columns appear often in newspapers and periodicals on a number of various topics.

Co-chairing the Young Adult Division programming committee are Natalie Storm Kirsh and Larry Berdugo.

According to Kirsh, the division is made up of people from all walks of life who are between the ages of 25 and 35. The upcoming program, featuring Gould, is the final event of the campaign year for the division.

Cost for the event is $10. For more information, contact UJA/Operation Exodus campaign associate Ronit Climan at 635-2883, ext. 132.

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Organizations and People

Lay leaders' role examined

TORONTO —

Jewish communal work is a game of big stakes and high pressure, both for the volunteer corps of lay leadership as well as for its professional staff, according to Gerald Bubis. Considered by many a Jewish communal work guru, Bubis was in town recently to discuss professional/lay roles and all their nuances and subtleties.

Within Toronto's estimated Jewish population of 150,000, several thousand people are volunteer lay leaders who are active as agency board and committee members and fund raisers. Within the Federation, between 1,500 and 2,000 volunteers are actively involved in decision making and fundraising.

Bubis, adjunct professor of social work at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, addressed several groups of professionals and lay leaders, among them, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Although sometimes the roles get blurred and the balance of power becomes unclear, he reminded his audience, "You're doing holy work to serve the Jewish people and tomorrow's Jewish people."

Despite their having common concerns, says Bubis, relationships between lay people and professionals are complex. They can be affected by factors such as shared and disparate values, skills and knowledge and roles expectation and delineations. He touched upon the difficulties that arise in the "delicate balance" of the professional/lay leadership relationship. Bubis, who has been involved in community relations for over 30 years, professed that the recession has created the toughest times in Jewish social work that he can ever remember.

"During the Depression, social services were encouraged by the government," he explained. "Today, there is downsizing of social service departments by governments all over North America."

Approximately $3 billion (U.S.) is raised and given out annually by Jewish federations and organizations in North America, he said. He described it as "big stakes" and cited examples of how a select number of donors make up 50 percent of United Jewish Appeal's total. For instance, in San Francisco, only a handful of wealthy community members run the affairs of its local Jewish federations, he explained.

In Toronto, around 12 percent of contributors to UJA/Operation Exodus make up half of the annual total, which is better than the average in the United States, according to the Council of Jewish Federation's study, released last year, said Bubis.

The new crop of lay leaders are college-educated, unlike the bygone days, when many community leaders were semi-literate tradesmen. In many cases, today's lay leaders know more than the professionals, Bubis pointed out.

Looking to the future of Jewish communal work, Bubis said that the three essential functions — human services, Jewish education/identity enhancement and Israel — must be the major "amudim" (pillars) dealt with by lay leadership, or else the federation structure will collapse.

Bubis is the founding director of the School of Jewish Communal Service and Alfred Gottschalk Professor Emeritus of Jewish Communal Studies at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, where he served from 1968 to 1989. He has been a trainer, lecturer and consultant for organizations and institutions in more than 100 communities throughout the world.

Schneerson turns 90

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Lubavitch communities in Toronto and Montreal marked Rabbi Menachem Schneerson's 90th birthday last week with public gatherings, Bible readings and toasts of l'chayim.

Many members of both communities travelled to New York to participate in birthday celebrations there.

In Toronto, about 60 women gathered at Chabad Lubavitch's main building at 770 Chabad Gate to study Chapter 91 of Tehillim (Psalms), to hear speakers talk about the rebbe and to say a l'chayim to his health, said Esther Grossbaum, wife of Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum.

Men gathered at a chassidic farbrengen (where Torah is discussed) and again toasted the rebbe.

Even the children, dressed in their Shabbat best, raised a glass to the rebbe — albeit with grape juice — as about 100 boys in Cheder Chabad joined in the birthday celebrations, which fell on the 11th of Nissan in the Hebrew calendar.

In Montreal on the Shabbat that preceded the birthday, men and women held programs, enjoyed a festival meal and heard speakers discuss the rebbe, *The CJN's* Janice Arnold reports.

Talmud Torah dinner decides to admit men

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

The annual Talmud Torah/Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Parent Teachers Association Ladies Dinner is no more. This year, for the first time, the dinner, which is taking place on May 20 at the Westin Hotel (which has kosher catering), will be open to both men and women.

For years, the PTA used to have separate men's and women's dinners. The men's dinners however were discontinued a few years ago.

"We felt it was time for a change," said Marim Zipursky, who is co-chairing the dinner with Brenda Gerson. "The P in PTA stands for parent. We felt it was appropriate that our largest single fundraising event of the year should include fathers, too."

This year's entertainment is a departure from the past as well. At previous dinners, there has usually been a children's choir. This year, Finjan, Winnipeg's acclaimed klezmer group, is performing. "We felt the children participate in numerous events during the year," Zipursky explained. "As well, we felt it would be easier for husbands and wives to both attend if they didn't have to worry about chauffering their children."

Also being invited to the dinner this year are school alumni in an effort to build more school spirit. Zipursky reports the proceeds from the dinner will go toward supporting school and student activities.

Memory disorders focus of public forum

Dr. Morris Freedman, director of the behavioral neurology program at Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and a staff neurologist at Mount Sinai Hospital, will highlight ways to differentiate memory disorders from the normal effects of aging at the second annual Baycrest Women's Auxiliary public health forum.

Dr. Freedman, who is also a scientist at the Rotman Research Institute, which specializes in research on memory and aging, will discuss changes in memory — both normal and abnormal — that occur in the brain as it ages.

The forum will take place Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Abe Posluns Auditorium on the second floor of the Jewish Home for the Aged, Baycrest Centre, 3560 Bathurst St., North York. Admission is free.

For more information, please call the Women's Auxiliary at 789-7071.

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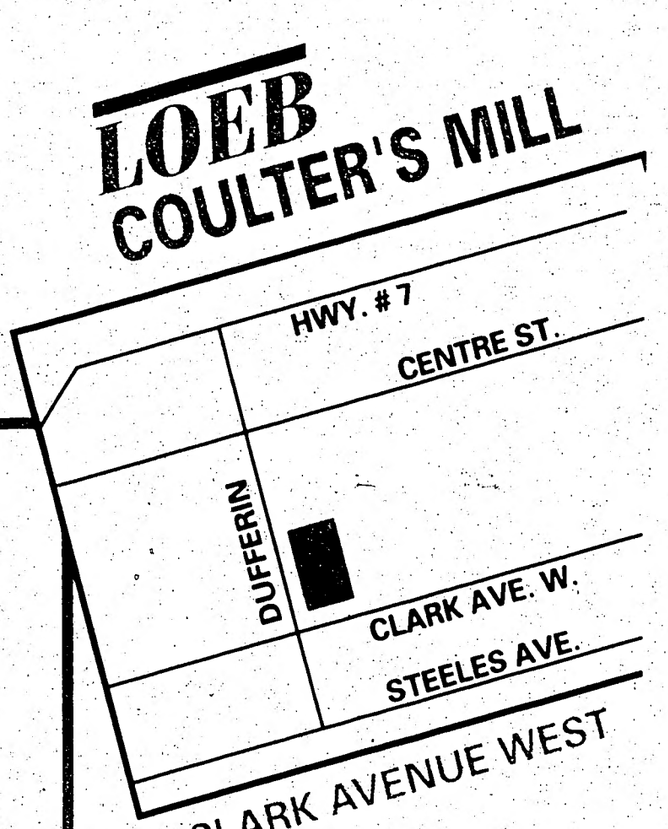

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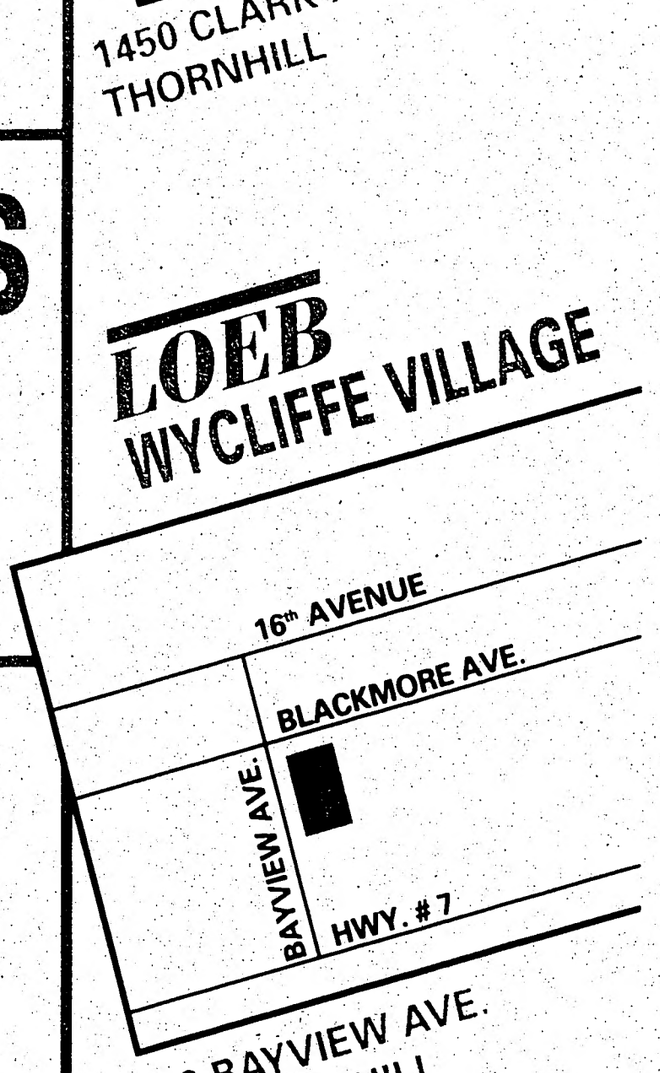

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that the deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, April 23, is deadline for May 7 issue, and Thursday, April 30, is deadline for May 14 issue).

Also, please remember that I am at my desk on Thursdays only to receive your calls and sort my mail.

Sunday, April 26

AWARD TO THE TORONTO SUN

Beth Tzedec Congregation, together with the Israel social action committee, announces a special award to the *Toronto Sun* on Sunday, April 26. Keynote speaker will be **Donald Carr**.

Breakfast ($10) is at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St.

DERSHOWITZ TO SPEAK

The Canadian Friends of Hebrew University New Leadership Toronto chapter's series, Issues and Insights, concludes Sunday, April 26, when guest speaker, **Prof. Alan Dershowitz** will discuss The North American Jewish Experience — A Reflective Analysis.

The time is 7:45 p.m. at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto. For information, call 485-8000.

THE NEW RUSSIA

The ninth annual Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture, presented by Adath Israel Congregation and Adath Israel Sisterhood on Sunday, April 26, features **Prof. Peter Solomon**, professor of Soviet politics and law, University of Toronto. His topic is The New Russia With or Without Jews — Jewish Uncertainties and Expectations.

The lecture is at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. This is open to the community. For information, call 635-5340.

TJAD MEETING

The Toronto Jewish Association of the Deaf (TJAD) is holding a general meeting on Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Agenda includes election of TJAD board.

Refreshments will be served ($1). For more information, call **Martyn Wayne** at 669-2525 TDD (7-9 p.m.), or **Alan Chiefetz** at 449-3818 TDD (7-9 p.m.) or by voice call BRS at 1-800-267-6600 (free toll) to reach TDD.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) support group for grandparents who have lost access to their grandchildren will be meeting Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m. at 16 Spadina Rd. There is a $3 charge for non-members.

For information, call 469-5471.

NOT BY BREAD ALONE

Loren Fried of North York Harvest Food Bank will deliver a presentation entitled Not By Bread Alone at the Sunday, April 26, meeting of Holy Blossom Temple Breakfast Club.

The time is 9:30 a.m. at the temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome.

CHUTZPAH

A discussion forum entitled The Holocaust: In What Way Has It Affected Us? is being sponsored by Chutzpah, Toronto's organization for lesbian, gay and bisexual Jews, on Sunday April 26, at 1:45 p.m. in the party room, 117 Gerrard St. E.

HERITAGE OF CHILDREN

On Sunday, April 26, family lawyer **John Weingust** will be the guest speaker at a meeting of Heritage of Children of Canada — grandparents' rights to access to grandchildren and grandchildren's rights to their heritage.

The time is 1-4:30 p.m. at Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. (south of Dufferin). All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. For information, call **Sylvia Lesher** at 656-5408.

Monday, April 27

BEN-GURION U ASSOCIATES

Israel-Canadian contemporary artist and Ben-Gurion University graduate **Dorrit Jacoby** will be the guest speaker at the fifth annual meeting of Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University, Toronto chapter, on Monday, April 27, at 7:45 p.m. at the Arnold Gottlieb Gallery, 80 Spadina Ave., Suite 313. Her latest collection, War Signals, is on display at the gallery until May 17.

INTERFAITH DINNER

The sixth annual Neighborhood Interfaith Dinner is set for Monday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. Guest speaker is **Rabbi Irwin Witty** of the Board of Jewish Education.

Tickets are $20 and are available at Beth Tzedec, or Holy Blossom Temple by calling 789-0639 mornings.

LOVE & MORALS WITHIN MARRIAGE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood invites you to a general meeting with lecturer **Selma Sage** who will discuss A Jewish Perspective on Love and Morals Within Marriage. Also, in commemoration of Yom Hashoah, a special ceremony will precede the lecture.

The date is Monday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Refreshments will be served. Hostess is **Sonia Tessler**. Admission is $2 members, $3 guests. For information, call the synagogue at 633-3838.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

A blood donor clinic is being held Monday, April 27, from 2-8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Centre North Y branch, 4588 Bathurst St.

JEWISH SPIRITUALITY

Adath Israel and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregations joint adult education series on Jewish Spirituality begins Monday, April 27, at 8 p.m. when **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** will discuss Havdalah: Separation Anxiety. It takes place at Adath Israel, 37 Southbourne Ave.

Following the lecture, at 9:15 p.m., The Joy of Singing will be presented with Hebrew/Yiddish/English folk and liturgical selections led by **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum**.

SALE INTO SPRING

On Monday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Beth Tikvah Sisterhood is presenting a day of shopping and fashion with 40 boutiques, walkabout fashion show at 2:15 and 6:15 p.m., afternoon tea. Nurtitionist **Rosie Schwartz** will be on hand to autograph her book *The Enlightened Eater* from 6 p.m.

It all takes place at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is free. For information, call the synagogue at 221-3433.

40 PLUS SINGLES GROUP

Nagillah chapter, B'nai Brith Women, a 40-plus singles group, is holding a general meeting on Monday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at North York library, 5120 Yonge St. The program will focus on Nutrition.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is $2. For more information, call **Beverley** at 633-3203 or **Helen** at 223-9530.

A TOUR OF BETH TZEDEC MUSEUM

Club Yedida, Na'amat, will be touring the Beth Tzedec Museum on Monday, April 27, at 8 p.m. The charge is $2.

Also, the club is looking for new members in the Bathurst-Lawrence area. For more information, call 636-5425.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League of North Bathurst presents There's a New Baby in Your Life, the second in its series of four monthly meetings, on Monday, April 27. Meetings are open to pregnant or nursing mothers who are interested in information, help and support for breastfeeding. Babies are welcome.

The time is 8 p.m. at 157 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. For information, phone **Ruth** at 736-1758 **Joyce** at 881-8779 or **Karen** at 221-7002.

THE COMMON GROUND SEMINAR

The Shaar Shalom Sisterhood meeting on Monday, April 27, is presenting The Common Ground Seminar — a participatory program offering a clear understanding of the Israeli/Arab conflict with a political simulation led by **Sender Axelbaum** and **Mike Berger**.

Call **Sharon Haas** at 494-0875 for further details.

Tuesday, April 28

ABOUT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The annual program of the social and political action committee of Jewish Women's Federation will deal with the issues surrounding violence against women in a forum called Freedom from Fear: Every Woman's Right.

Journalist **June Callwood** will moderate a panel of speakers which includes lawyer **Linda Silver Dranoff**; **Connie Guberman**, urban safety co-ordinator for Metrac (Metro action committee on public violence against women and children); **Ron Sluser**, co-founder of Metro Men Against Violence; and **Lucy Van Wyk**, social worker, Jewish Family & Child Service. Excerpts from a dramatic presentation, *Fires of Transformation* will be performed by VOICE's (Violence Overcome in Creative Ensemble).

The date is Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave. Admission is $5. For reservation and information, call 635-2883, ext. 174. Men and women are invited to attend.

ISRAEL & THE PEACE PROCESS

Prof. Gabriel Ben-Dor, rector of Haifa University and visiting professor at York University, will discuss Israel and the Peace Process at the Tuesday, April 28, meeting of the New Fraternal Jewish Association.

The time is 8 p.m. at the NFJA Centre, 120 Overbrook Pl., Suite 107. The public is invited to attend. There is no admission charge.

ABOUT ROMANIAN JEWS

To make known the contribution of Romanian Jews to the development of Romania and universal cultures, Israeli artist **Joseph Isaki** will address Dr. W. Filderman B'nai Brith Lodge on the Contribution of Romanian Jews to the Development of National and International Art, on Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at B'nai Brith House, 15 Hove St.

LUNCH AND LEARN

The Jewish book committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto invites you to Lunch and Learn with historian **Paula Draper**, chairman of documentation of the Holocaust remembrance committee of JFGT. The topic is Dark Memories: Preserving the Testimonies of Survivors.

This takes place Tuesday, April 28, at 12:15 p.m. at Goodman & Carr, 200 King St. W., Suite 2300, main boardroom. RSVP to 635-2883, ext. 151 or 154.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM MEETING

Come out on Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at 134 Kilbarry Rd., and learn about the innovative Jewish learning programs offered by the Village Shul and Learning Centre for children ages 3 to bar/bat mitzvah.

RSVP to **Nancy** at 481-2383.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER

Northern Lights Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada's next monthly meeting takes place Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. in Aurora.

Regular meetings are generally scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every month. The chapter serves northern York Region including Newmarket and Aurora. For further information, contact **Carol King** at (416) 895-6651.

A MAN IN THE HOUSE!

In honor of Canadian National Book Festival, Medina Theatre Ensemble is presenting the award-winning play *A Man in the House!* by **Elinore Siminovitch**, directed by **Corinne Copnick**, on Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. The cast features **Cayle Chernin, Marcie Rosen, Barry Minshul, Roselle Stone** and **Minabelle Hannaford**.

Admission is $4. Refreshments will be served.

HANDOLOGY

Every hand has its own story! Join **Gerald Biccum**, author of the book *Handology* on Tuesday, April 28, at 8 p.m. for an evening of How to Unlock the Hidden Secrets of Your Life!

This evening is sponsored by Club Dafna, Na'amat's thirtysomething professional women's chapter. Call **Lynn** for details at 398-4995.

EVENING OF INFORMATION

Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, York Region branch, in conjunction with Shaareh Haim Sisterhood, invites residents of Richmond Hill and surrounding area to an Evening of Information on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave.

Speakers are **Dr. Richard Hasselback**, Princess Margaret Hospital, and community health nurse **Tina Russo**. This event is free of charge.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group will meet on Tuesday, April 28, to discuss Introduction to Kings I and Chapter I with lecturer **Dr. Isadore Cass**.

The group meets at 8:15 p.m. at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

Wednesday, April 29

YOM HASHOAH V'HAGVURAH

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, in conjunction with Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, is holding a Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah — Holocaust Memorial Day Service on Wednesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

The program's theme, Commemoration Through Action, will include a boys' choir; greetings by **Benjamin Noy**, Israeli trade commissioner; Dvar Torah by **Rabbi Baruch Taub**; keynote address by **Eli Zborowski**, chairman, International Society for Yad Vashem, and a candlelighting ceremony.

The entire community is invited. For further information, call 886-3810 or 660-6028.

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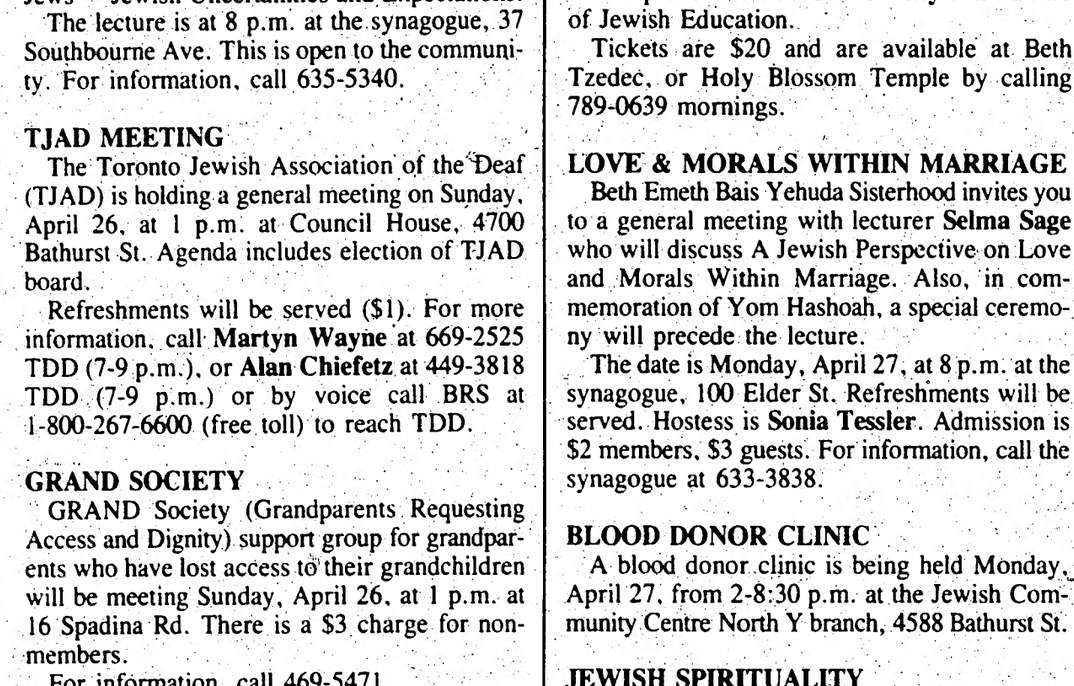
AWARD WINNER

Ron Esler, winner of the 4th annual Lorne Greene Memorial Award, receives the award from Ben Nobleman, president of the Society for the Recognition of Canadian Talent Inc., at a recent luncheon at Ryerson. The award is given annually to the first-year student in Ryerson's School of Radio and Television showing the most improvement during the school year. [Alex Au Yong photo]



STUDENT DONATION

United Synagogue Day School, Richmond Hill campus students (from left) David Steinberg, Adam Stein, Elana Steingart and Tara David present a check for $214 to Marla Young of the National Council of Jewish Women for the Maot Chittin Fund.

Organizations and People

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JEWISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, Toronto division, invites the public to attend a lecture by **Henry Abramson** on Jews in the Ukranian Crucible: Social Upheaval and Demographic Changes, 1569-1992.

The date is Wednesday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For information, call **Peter Cullman** at 964-2196 days, or 756-7856 evenings.

YOM HASHOAH

On the eve of the 49th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, the Canadian Holocaust remembrance committee invites the community to observe Yom Hashoah at Pride of Israel Temple, 59 Lissom Cres., on Wednesday, April 29, at 8 p.m.

Eliezer Whartman, editor of the Israel Press Service, will address the assembly. Other participants will be Israeli consul **Oren David**, and **Rabbi Harold Lerner** and **Cantor Charles Weinberg** of Pride of Israel Congregation. There will also be a candle-lighting ceremony.

For further information, call 781-8634 or 781-3571.

RESEARCH AT WEIZMANN

At the Lunch and Learn in Retirement Group's meeting at Holy Blossom Temple on Wednesday, April 29, **Dr. Allan Gordon**, chief of neurology, Mount Sinai Hospital, will speak on New Research at the Weizmann Institute.

The group meets at noon. Bring your lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. The temple is located at 1950 Bathurst St.

Thursday, April 30

YAD VASHEM EVENTS

The Canadian Society for Yad Vashem has scheduled two events on Thursday, April 30.

At 10:30 a.m. a Yom Hashoah commemoration service will be held at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, Earl Bales Park, featuring **Cantor Harold Klein, Rabbi Steven Saltzman** of Adath Israel Congregation; international chairman **Eli Zborowski**; national chairman **Dr. Joel Dimitry**; plus wreath-laying and candlelighting ceremonies.

In the evening at 7:30, the Society is hosting a reception honoring Eli Zborowski at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

THE DYBBUK

The film, *The Dybbuk*, (Israel, 1970) will be screened at Wychwood Library, 1431 Bathurst St., on Thursday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m. This film version is in Hebrew with English subtitles.

For information, call 393-7683.

RETIRING TO SOMETHING

Communications consultant **Lillian Zack** will speak on Retiring to Something Not From Something at Donway Place Retirement Centre, 8 The Donway E. on Thursday, April 30, at 2 p.m.

Admission is free but space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

And What Else Is New...

ABOUT JEWISH MARRIAGE

Everything You Wanted to Know About Jewish Marriage — But Were Afraid to Ask, an interactive seminar for engaged couples exploring the Torah approach to Jewish marriage, is being presented by the Jewish marriage education committee and Shaarei Shomayim Congregation on Wednesdays, April 29-June 3, at 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

The cost is $60 per couple. Advance registration is required. To register, call **Randi** at 633-4114. Do feel free to invite other interested couples.

For more information, call **Dr. Leo and Faigie Davids** at 638-8222 or **Dr. Harvey and Sharon Erlich** at 785-1202.

AVIVA ART SHOW AND AUCTION

The 40th Aviva Art Show of Contemporary Canadian Art, sponsored by Aviva and B'not Aviva chapters of Hadassah-WIZO, opens Monday, April 27, and previews to May 1 at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery (Columbus Centre), 901 Lawrence Ave. W. Call the gallery at 789-7011 for viewing times.

The auction date is Sunday, May 3, starting with a reception at 7 p.m., followed by the auction at 8. Admission is $20.

For further information and tickets, call 449-4793 or 485-9911.

AT OHR SOMAYACH THORNHILL

Here's a list of Monday events taking place at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill:

A self make-over, courtesy of Rhonda's Aesthetics, is the theme of the May 4 luncheon when **Rhonda** will show you the best way to apply Shabbos make-up. The salad buffet begins promptly at 12:45 p.m. The cost is $13 per person and reservations are essential. Babysitting is available.

The Brunch-Time Shiur commences May 4 at 10 a.m. This six-session lecture series on The Dos and Don'ts — the Wills and Won'ts of Shabbat with **Rabbi Mordechai Cohen** runs Monday mornings through June 22 (no sessions on May 18 or June 8). Admission is free. Babysitting is available.

A new Monday evening series, the Jewish Life-Cycle, will be presented by **Rabbi Y. Grysman**, beginning May 4 at 8:30 p.m. through June 22 (no sessions May 18 or June 8). The sessions are open to both men and women. There is no admission charge.

For information and/or reservations, contact **Michelle Pincus** or **Jill Polakow** at 886-5730.

JEWISH HISTORY MADE EASY

Shaareh Haim Synagogue's adult education series on The Joys of Being Jewish with **Rabbi Lawrence Troster** concludes with Jewish history Made Easy on Mondays, April 27, May 4, and 11, from 8-9:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. The series deals with basic periods of Jewish history and our local community plus a field trip to old Jewish Toronto.

The text book required can be purchased in the class at cost. Register at the synagogue office or on the first night. For cost and details, call 884-3353.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following workshops;

Surviving Divorce — living alone, parenting, separating from the past and moving on (begins May 12).

Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work — children's behavior, realistic expectations, limit-setting and discipline (begins April 29).

The Sandwich Generation — caring for your aging and changing parents, realistic expectations, frustrations and coping strategies (begins April 28).

Menopause, Mid-Life and Me — myths, alternatives, life changes and coping strategies (begins May 13).

For information about registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman**, at 638-7800.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Ontario branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism's 36th anniversary spring conference takes place Wednesday, May 13, and Thursday, May 14, at Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. It features keynote speaker **Matlee Yadin,** international consultant; **Elinor Caplan,** MPP, who will be guest speaker Wednesday evening, and **Gordon Wolfe,** executive director of Jewish Family & Child Service, who will lead a workshop on Recession — Impact on Our Jewish Community on Thursday morning. A second workshop, Facing the Issues, an Israeli affairs program, is also being planned.

Matlee Yadin

The cost is $60 before May 1.

BAYCREST FUN RUN VOLUNTEERS

For those who have a few hours to spare on Mother's Day, May 10, and would like to help out a good cause, the Baycrest Fun Run and Walk needs volunteers. Come help the runners and walkers of all ages raise money for Baycrest's fitness programs.

To be part of the excitement, call **Edna Levitt** at 781-8878.

OLD TYME MUSIC HALL

Royal Canadian Legion Branches 256 and 75 are presenting a galaxy of star entertainers in an Old Tyme Music Hall show on Saturday, May 2, at Fairbanks Branch, 31 Shortt St. (Dufferin and Eglinton). Showtime is 9 p.m. (bar is at 8:30).

Tickets are $7. Proceeds go to General Wingate Branch 256. For tickets, call **Sam** at 285-1435.

HANNAH SANDBERG PAINTINGS

An exhibition of paintings by Canadian artist **Hannah Sandberg** is on view at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Civic Centre, Oshawa, through May 24. It includes paintings of the Book of Ruth, the Book of Psalms, Exodus and Jeremiah.

The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception, Thursday, April 30, at 7 p.m.

for seniors

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting takes place April 26 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Senior's Club upcoming events include: a dance at the club house, Saturday, April 25 from 7-10 p.m. (members free, non-members $1); a dance with a live band at Earl Bales Community Centre, Sunday, April 26, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. (members $3, non-members $4); a movie, Wednesday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in the club house (members free, non-members $1); Mother's Day party and dance, Sunday, May 10, from 7-11 p.m. in the Community Centre (members $8, non-members $10); a one-day cruise in Caledonia Tuesday, May 19 ($24 per person); and a trip to Stage West to see the play *Don't Dress for Dinner* starring **Anson Williams**, Wednesday, June 3 ($30 per person). For more details on upcoming trips and activities, call 636-7856, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Holy Blossom Temple's **Lunch and Learn in Retirement** group is holding a meeting on financial planning and retirement options, Wednesday, May 27. Please register in advance with **Deborah** at 789-3291.

LZA Senior Club announces there are a few seats available for the trip to Western Canada and the Rockies right through to Vancouver, June 21-July 2. For more information, call **Libby Ravka** at 782-2059. Other upcoming trips include a one-week stay at the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 26 and 28; Stratford to see *HMS Pinafore*, a cruise through the Thousand Islands, and more. Shuffleboard is available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Thursday evenings, chaired by **Mr. Leibowitz** (call 633-8579 to register). Line dancing starts soon (call Libby at 782-2059 if interested). The cultural committee meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. with topics introduced by a competent leader, followed by discussion. Daily games and cards with light lunches continue. All activities take place at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is taking reservations for the Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, July 20-28. Musicals are now being booked at Art Park, June 10, July 30 and Aug. 13, also the play *Shirley Valentine* at the Bluma Appel Theatre (almost booked). The Coping with Life lectures featuring **Harriet Sharkey** are held Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. The 10 sessions are co-sponsored by North York Board of Education. For details on these and various ongoing programs, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Come join the **Young at Heart Seniors** trip to the Catskills at the Raleigh Hotel (kosher), July 20-28, with trips to the Corning Factory, Atlantic City, Bingham, shopping and lots more. Drinks, cookies, movies and bingo are offered on the air-conditioned bus. The cost is $885 Canadian including bus fare and deluxe medical insurance. Partners available. For information, call **Helen** at 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

At the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave. — The Holocaust Memorial ceremony marking Yom Hashoah takes place Tuesday, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the assembly room. There will be a candle-lighting ceremony with Baycrest Terrace residents and community members participating, guest recitations and songs of the Holocaust. The community is welcome...A course by **Selma Sage** entitled Zionism — Partnership Between the Jewish People and the Land of Israel, will be held Thursdays from 1-2:30 p.m., starting May 7. Register by the end of April...The minimal vision program concludes on Monday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. with video, evaluation and refreshments, featuring **Carol Kalachnik** of the CNIB...**Sally Blackman's** Mixed Media Crafts presents Torn Paper Collage, Thursday, April 23, Fun Sculpture, Thursday, April 30, at 9:30 a.m. and Printmaking Techniques for Cards on Tuesday, April 27, at 1 p.m...Wednesday morning current events discussions led by **Doug Haddow** are held from 10-11:30 a.m. For information, call the centre at 789-5131, ext. 2267.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

A special Sunday event on April 26 at 2:30 p.m. features the debut of The Spectacular **Rick Levine**, accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Tickets are $2.50 members, $3.50 non-members, and are available at the information desk.

Lifelong Learning Institute is presenting Examine Your Will: A Wills and Estate Planning Service by **Christopher Pitt**, estate planner, Royal Trust, on Monday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge.

A public forum on Should Workers in Essential Services have the Right to Strike? is set for Wednesday, April 29, at 1:30 p.m. Guest panelists are **Leonard Domino**, government relations consultant, Retail Merchants' Association; **Shirley Carr**, president, Canadian Labor Congress; **Allan Leach**, chief general manager, TTC; and **Neal Brooks**, associate dean, Osgoode Law School. The forum is free and open to the public.

A book sale on Wednesday, April 29, will be offering hardcovers, paperbacks, Yiddish and English books at a cost of 5 cents and up. The time is 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the foyer area.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture on Thursday, April 30, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. deals with Living with Vision Problems. Guest speaker is **Carol Kalachnik**. All participants are encouraged to try products on display.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For information, call **Helen Issenberg** at 225-2112.

at the JCC

On Wednesday, April 29, at 8 p.m. the Jewish Community Centre Bloor Y branch, 750 Spadina Ave. (at Bloor) is holding a constitutional forum. Admission is free. For more information, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

Hashomer Hatzair, a Zionist movement for ages 9-16, is coming to the Bloor Y. Join on Sunday, May 3 and May 10 from 3:10-5 p.m. Registration is $6. To register in advance, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

New at Bloor is a youth gym for ages 10-18 on Sundays from 2-6 p.m. providing activities such as basketball, volleyball and floor hockey. This is free to JCC members.

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Organizations and People

Importance of women's work stressed in Bible: professor

By
FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —
Women who work for pay outside the home may still feel like trailblazers, but historical precedents go back to biblical times.

Dr. Rachel Schlesinger, associate professor in York University's Department of Social Science, and Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, director of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, provided much thought-provoking background at a recent workshop on the Value of Women's Work, presented by the social and political action committee of Jewish Women's Federation at the Lipa Green Building.

In biblical times, said Schlesinger, women were judges and priests. There are about 200 professions listed in the Bible, most of which were held by women.

More recently, women in the shtetls worked to support (or help support) their families, taking in laundry, for example. Yet these women didn't consider what they did to be "work," just "part of the job description of being in a family."

Until recently work outside the home was not valued. "You had achieved something when you no longer had to work," said Schlesinger.

As economic conditions changed, it became more acceptable for women to take on paid jobs, yet there is still a downside, says Schlesinger. Most women work at repetitious, boring jobs and are paid less than their male counterparts. Basic family care is still considered a woman's responsibility, placing an extra burden on women.

"Virtually all of us work," Schlesinger said. "Much is unpaid work. Much is the kind that sustains families. If you didn't do it, you'd have to pay someone else to come in and do it."

Ideally, said Schlesinger, women would have choices about when to work outside the home and when not to.

From a Jewish point of view, there is much support for women who work outside of the home. The myth that Judaism teaches that a woman's place is in the home is "patently false," said Rabbi Goldstein.

Proverb 31, Aishet Chayil (A Woman of Valor), is frequently quoted to point out the virtues of a wonderful wife and mother, said the rabbi. One section of the proverb, which is often omitted, praises a woman who is wife, mother and businesswoman.

There is a lot of stereotyping in the Jewish community, said Rabbi Goldstein. Nowhere in Jewish tradition does it say that women have to be home to take care of the kids."

Rabbi Goldstein, who is married and has two young children, found the following disclaimer on a preschool application offensive: Please be aware that the school does not provide day care for working mothers. "My husband needs day care as much as I do. He's a working father. There's still a lot of guilt. It should have said 'working parents'."

Inequality is also apparent when it comes to volunteerism. Rabbi Goldstein supports volunteerism for men and women, but laments the fact that men's volunteerism is valued much more greatly, whereas women's seems to be taken for granted.

Similarly, "a man takes care of his children and everybody applauds. Does anybody ever say, 'What a great mom. She's home tonight with her children'?"

Men and women "have to be partners in making a home," Rabbi Goldstein believes. "It's much easier. It's much more realistic."

"All the leaders of Jewish history have challenged concepts and stereotypes. To be involved with that is a very elevating experience for women," concluded the rabbi.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Four women associated with the National Council of Jewish Women were among those who were honored with Volunteer Service Awards, presented by Ontario Minister of Citizenship Elaine Ziemba, and Minister of Culture and Communications, Karen Haslam. Those honored were (from left) Sheila Freeman, Gita Arnold, Mindy Rosenberg and Lucille Lorie. [Paul Lungen photo]

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feature of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Metro Toronto Singles presents a post-Passover party at **Berlin**, 2335 Yonge Street (North of Eglinton). Sunday, April 26th. 8:00pm. Celebrate the end of Passover with pastries and other post-Passover foods. Cover $10.00. **222-7111** for information. 9599

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Adath Israel Singles is having a **Brunch** on Sunday, May 3, 1992, from 11:30-1:30. Cost is $8.00. The topic will be "Jews, Jesus and Christianity-Can 1 Billion Christians be Wrong?" with guest speakers Julius Ciss and Rabbi Skobac (Jews for Judaism). Prepaid reservations must be made by Wednesday, April 29. Cheques may be mailed to the synagogue at 37 Southbourne Avenue, Downsview, M3H 1A4. 9673

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Organizations and People

Peterson set to address Federation's Update '92

TORONTO —

"The Great Debate" and a special presentation by former Ontario premier David Peterson are just two segments of Update '92, an annual event being sponsored by the Endowment Fund of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The seminar, designed for lawyers, accountants and estate planners, will take place June 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

Sponsored by the Endowment Fund's professional advisory committee, "Update '92 is an attractive venue for professionals," according to Israel Mida, chairman of Update '92 and co-chair of the professional advisory committee. This year, the theme is Strategies to Succeed in the '90s.

"This is a very high-quality tax seminar," he says. "It's a great opportunity for one to enhance their professional knowledge and contacts. We strive to provide substance on timely topics."

"The Great Debate" will be moderated by Earl Miller, a lawyer with Goodman & Carr, who met recently with members of the debating team to discuss the four topics and ground rules for the program.

Two lawyers and two accountants will take sides on four tax studies. One side will represent Revenue Canada's taxation position, while the other side will take the role of the taxpayer.

Peterson will offer the inside track on positions that may affect advice given to clients. Peterson is a partner in the law firm of Cassels, Brock & Blackwell.

Fred Catzman, a lawyer with Diamond Fairbairn, will speak on Creditors' Rights and Wrongs.

For more information, contact Miriam Hyams at 635-2883, ext. 116.

Earl Miller (seated left), discusses "The Great Debate," a session in which he will serve as moderator. Participants in the debate are (seated): Jonathan Baker (centre) and Minnie Lawrence. From left standing: Evelyn Moskowitz, Israel Mida and Lorne Greenspoon.

Tribute planned for Miransky

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Shockett, chairman of the Peretz Miransky Foundation and of the concert committee. Seven poets actually lived on the same street in that storied Polish city, she said.

The glorious sounds and sights of nature fill Miransky's poetry and this inspired Srul Glick to compose *Time Cycle, Yiddish Suite No. 2*. The well-known musician will conduct the Beth Tikvah choir in the performance of this suite at the concert, accompanied by Dorothy Sandler Glick.

Cantor Louis Danto and Gloria Valentine will sing songs based on Miransky's poems, while Valentine will also read from his writings. John Henry Nyenhuis is to be the accompanist for Danto and Valentine. Hindy Abelson will read some of his fables in Yiddish and English (her own translations). Nathan Garnick will do recitations in Yiddish and Aron Fainer will be master of ceremonies.

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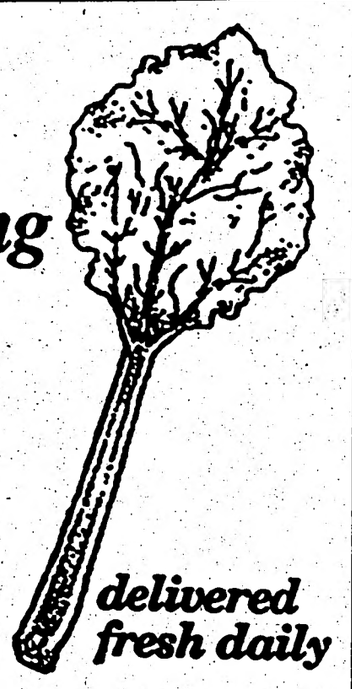

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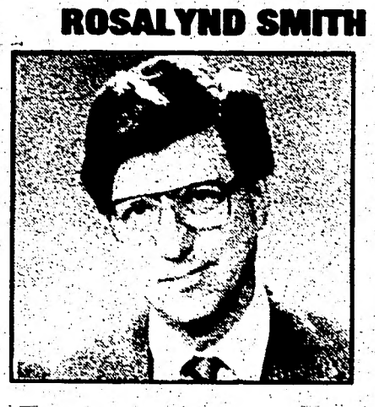

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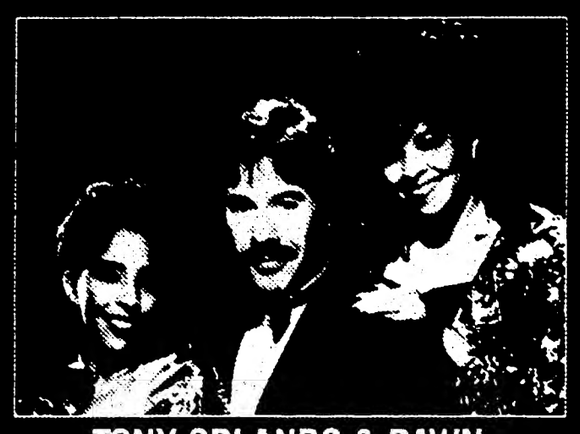

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Organizations and People

Beth Tikvah group returns from Spain

By
FRANCES KRAFT

This statue of Maimonides was erected in 1964 in Cordoba, Spain, his birthplace. [Rabbi Wayne Allen photo]

TORONTO —

Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah Synagogue witnessed the recent historic meeting of Spain's King Juan Carlos and Israel's president Chaim Herzog in Madrid's Beth Yaacov Synagogue with mixed feelings. "Part of me — the part that was raised in the West — expected some kind of apology [from the king]," Rabbi Allen told *The CJN*.

An apology for Spain's past injustices to its once-thriving Jewish community was not forthcoming. Instead, on the 500th anniversary of the expulsion edict issued in 1492, the Spanish king spoke of re-establishing ties between the two communities and looking forward to a fruitful future.

Rabbi Allen noted that his Spanish co-religionists did not appear to share his feelings. "The fact that the king walked into a synagogue with a kippah on his head stirred them," he said. "When he ended his speech with the word 'Shalom,' the entire section where I was sitting broke into rabid applause." Despite his personal reservations, the rabbi "couldn't help but be impressed by this outpouring of emotion."

Rabbi Allen recently returned from escorting his synagogue's Sephardic Heritage tour to Spain and Israel. Although the tour was allocated only two tickets for the above-mentioned ceremony (the other was used by Heather Shapero, who co-chaired the synagogue's Sephardic World adult education program held this year), the tour group sought out as many other links as possible to the Spanish Jewish community, past and present. There are currently some 15,000 Jews in Spain, most of whom are businesspeople originally from Tangiers, Rabbi Allen told *The CJN*.

Most traces of the Golden Age of Spanish Jewry have disappeared, said the rabbi. There are still some street signs and former synagogues indicating pre-expulsion Jewish life, but the Beth Tikvah group was so disheartened by the minimal traces of Spanish Jewry remaining that they called a special meeting to discuss it. "You cannot find even one Jewish grave [predating 1970] in Spain," said Rabbi Allen.

One of the most upsetting things the group saw was a travelling exhibit of torture instruments used during the Inquisition. "It was the most profoundly unnerving hour of time you can imagine spending," said Rabbi Allen. "To draw a parallel between Yad Vashem or the concentration camps would not be unfair. Seeing the actual devices on display and the lack of the word 'Jew' or 'Jewish' made us angry and depressed at the same time. It was probably the low point of the trip."

The rabbi noted, however, among the Jewish tourists he met in Spain "a profound sense that you have to go to Spain to see part of your heritage. As disappointing as it is to find [so few of] these relics, everyone feels compelled to go. There's not much to see. Being there is what's important."

One of the relics they did see was a 600-year-old former synagogue in Cordoba, later converted to a church. The only trace of its original function, said the rabbi, "is in the very delicate Moorish designs on top of the multi-columned arches, where there is one sole Magen David."

Rabbi Allen found it "saddening" that the Spanish people know little if anything of the history of the Jews in Spain. With that in mind, he was especially pleased to see "a flurry of articles" in the Spanish press shortly before the expulsion edict anniversary. He felt the articles represented a sincere attempt to set the record straight.

After the emotional ups and downs of 10 days in Spain, "there was a tremendous high when we got to Israel," said Rabbi Allen. "It was glorious. I cannot imagine doing it in the reverse order."

After touring the Sephardi quarters of Jerusalem and meeting Yosef Meyuchas, whose Spanish ancestors had arrived in 1501, there was a strong sense of satisfaction. "We felt that Spanish Jewry wasn't lost, just relocated."

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Wheelchair athletes jostle for a rebound at a recent exhibition basketball game that pitted Israel's Beit Halochem against the Spitfires Club of Canada.

Spitfires play hot B-ball

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO –
Their shooting went cold but the feeling they left in the hearts of their supporters was warm as Beit Halochem's wheelchair basketball team wound down its North American tour.

About 1,100 spectators turned up at Varsity Arena to watch Beit Halochem take on the Spitfires Club of Canada in a contest that helped the organization's Canadian supporters raise an estimated $50,000 from games in Toronto and Montreal. The funds will go for the purchase of equipment at Beit Halochem's new Jerusalem Rehabilitation Centre, one of three facilities the organization operates in Israel.

In addition to the Canadian contests, Beit Halochem played three exhibition games in the United States, including one that took place prior to a New Jersey Nets NBA game at the Meadowlands. It won all three matches before suffering a two-point loss to Montreal Gladiateurs.

In Toronto, spectators were treated to an intensely-played, high calibre exhibition of wheelchair basketball that ended in a 61-52 Spitfires victory. The frequent collisions, quick pace and the turn-on-a-dime manoeuvres often had the audience gasping.

Despite Beit Halochem's quick-break offence that often caught the Spitfires napping, the team's shooters turned stone cold in the second half as they failed to capitalize on their many opportunities.

Playmaking guard Ariel Ottolenghi, 29, credited the Spitfires with playing a high calibre game, but said the team felt tired at the tail end of a two-week road trip.

Shmulick Yoskovitz, 22, agreed the Spitfires were a good team, but noted that Beit Halochem's trip was not so much sports-oriented as it was a promotional tour aimed at increasing the organization's North American profile.

The team, which was an amalgamation of Haifa and Tel Aviv squads, last practised 2½ weeks before, he said.

As many as seven of the team's players are good bets to be on Israel's wheelchair basketball team at the Disabled Olympics in Barcelona, said Tzvi Hoffman, the team's manager.

At the last Olympics, Israeli athletes picked up 61 medals in a variety of field events, volleyball, shooting and swimming, he said. The basketball team finished sixth, but more recently was third best in a European competition. The Olympic team, which will include disabled athletes from other clubs, is aiming for a top-three finish in Barcelona, he added.

All of Beit Halochem's players are ex-members of the Israel Defence Force who were injured in the line of duty, he said. Hoffman himself was wounded during the 1967 Six Day War, losing his leg.

Ottolenghi was wounded in Lebanon in 1983 when he was shot three times in the stomach. One of the bullets hit his spine. Yoskovitz was shot in the leg in an engagement on the Golan Heights and has been playing with Beit Halochem for 2½ years.

He recalls how his high school gym teacher encouraged him to try out for Beit Halochem's team. "I always loved sports, so I was glad to do it," he said.

"It's the most important thing for me," he said. "It's a great game and I love playing it. I have good friends there, so I enjoy it."

Ottolenghi has been tossing hoops for Beit Halochem for eight years. Prior to his injury, he played for Hapoel Jerusalem in one of Israel's top leagues.

He participates in wheelchair ball because, "I feel it is very important to the body to stay in shape, to stay in a normal life and to feel like you're doing everything normally."

Hoffman believes one of Beit Halochem's big plusses is providing an environment for soldiers to "see other veterans, and to see that he can walk, dance and fit himself back into society."

Shai Schechter, chairman of Beit Halochem Canada, said that when he left hospital after recovering from wounds he suffered in Lebanon in 1982, "I could barely walk because of the trauma. I went to Beit Halochem and began swimming and gained back my confidence."

In addition to assisting in the rehabilitation of soldiers, Beit Halochem also involves their families, he said. Kids can see that their fathers aren't unique, that "there are other daddies like him in Israel." There are approximately 38,000 disabled veterans in Israel.

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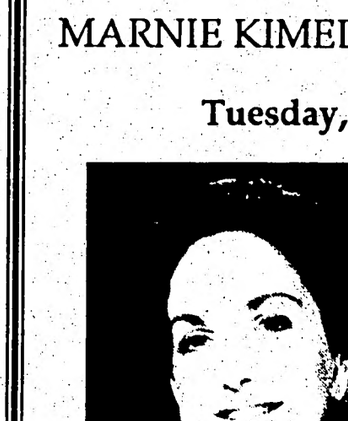

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Organizations and People

Meltz named principal of Woodsworth College

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Noah Meltz, professor of economics and industrial relations, was installed as principal of the University of Toronto's Woodsworth College. Meltz is a past director of the Centre for Industrial Relations at the University of Toronto.

Meltz succeeded Dr. Arthur Kruger who is now the director of the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education (OISE).

Woodsworth College is the largest college in the university's Faculty of Arts and Science. It caters largely to part-time students.

The installation ceremony was the first official event to be held in the newly refurbished Drill Hall, part of Woodsworth College's recent $10 million expansion and renovation project.

The new building was funded by money raised by Woodsworth's own students (through a self-imposed levy), a grant from the province of Ontario, a major gift from the Bronfman family, and by donations from alumni and friends.

The installation was hosted by U of T Chancellor Rose Wolfe and President Robert Prichard administered the oath of office.

Meltz received a bachelor of commerce degree at the University of Toronto in 1957 and a doctorate in 1964 at Princeton University. He was an economist with the Economic and Research Branch of the Canada Department of Labor in Ottawa, an advisor for the Department of Manpower and Immigration and was appointed a professor at the U of T in 1971.

The new principal was assistant dean of the School of Graduate Studies and later the acting dean. He has received numerous honors including, the Lady Davis Fellowship as visiting professor, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa in 1981, and senior fellow at Woodsworth College from 1985 to 1990.

Meltz, 57, is a researcher and administrator. His areas of research are industrial relations, labor market analysis and human resources management.

Woodsworth is the youngest college at U of T and has approximately 4,500 part-time arts and science students, 600 full-time students, 900 diploma and certified students and almost 1,600 pre-university students. The college was created in 1974 in response to pressure by part-time students who wanted to be recognized as equal members of the university community.

Meltz is married to Rochelle Meltz and they have four children, David, Jonathan, Toba and Hillel. They are members of the Clanton Park Congregation.

Noah Meltz

Jews in the 21st century

TORONTO —

Concerns about the future of the Jewish community and academic research will converge May 18 to 20 when York University hosts a conference on Canadian Jewry in the 21st Century: Setting the Research Agenda. Researchers and members of the Jewish community will come together to discuss emerging issues in the study of Canadian Jewish life — what to study, what questions are left unanswered by existing studies and how research is to be sponsored.

"The study of Canadian diversity has become important at Canadian universities over the past 20 years," says Professor Stuart Schoenfeld, conference chairman, and the study of the Jews in Canada has taken off, as well. At the same time, Jewish organizations have recognized their need to know more about the people they serve. This conference gives us a chance to take a look at the long-term trends that will have major effects in the next generation.

The conference is being organized by the York University Centre for Jewish Studies, in co-operation with the Jerusalem Centre for Public Affairs, which conducts research in Israel and the Diaspora. Professor Daniel Elazar, head of the Jerusalem Centre, will give a keynote lecture May 19, on Canadian Jewry in the Emerging Global Society.

This will be the first conference at which researchers and Jewish community leaders from across Canada will gather for an extended examination of the research agenda.

For more information on the conference, contact the Centre for Jewish Studies, York University, 736-5823/5123.

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A Lithuanian Jewish family, 1910, whose children came to Canada. [Picture is from the archives of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto]

Genealogy workshop helps unlock the past

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
The second annual Jewish genealogy workshop sponsored by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada was held recently at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue in Toronto.

The theme of the program was Discover Your Ancestors. The event was planned to teach the fundamentals of researching a family tree. The program included displays, demonstrations and workshops.

The workshops included a wide spectrum of how-to sessions including getting started, making copies of photographs, resources in Metro Toronto, computers and genealogy, and Jewish surnames.

Bill Gladstone, president of the Jewish Genealogical Society, says that he has traced his paternal line back to the 1780s, the decade that saw the beginning of Jewish emancipation.

"It is very exciting to see your own ancestors right on the cusp of what, in Jewish history, was the medieval age," says Gladstone. "In most of my lines, I've gone back as far as my great-great-great grandparents and I have hopes of making discoveries earlier in time, perhaps even connecting to a rabbinical line going hundreds of years further back."

Some of the other members of the Society have also met with remarkable success in exploring their family trees. Starting with grandparents who came to Canada early in this century, they have discovered lost family members and have traced their roots back two, three, four and more generations.

Peter Cullman, who was born in Berlin during the war, discovered a first cousin living in the United States. Gert Rogers found her American relatives knowing only that an uncle had arrived in the United States in the 1920s and went to live on a farm in upstate New York.

The local Society, founded in 1985, has more than 130 members. They meet monthly at the Shaarei Shomayin Synagogue from September to June. Members range from novices to experienced researchers.

Gladstone says that there is a growing interest in Jewish genealogy but some Jewish people "may feel that the history of their families was destroyed during the Holocaust. Convinced that there is nothing left, they have a defeatist attitude about investigating the past. But many types of records are available.

He said that he believes that "it is important that we re-establish contact, rediscover our past, remember what is there for us to remember." He added that there is a great deal of personal fulfillment in rediscovering the vanished past.

"Genealogy helps us to better understand our role as Jews in gentile society by showing us how that role has changed over time. It helps us appreciate the unity of the Jewish people and shows that we are a people set apart, unique, distinct and different.

The Society publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Shem Tov*, and the members have begun a project to transcribe the tombstones in Toronto's Jewish cemeteries which have been affected by natural erosion, acid rain, neglect and vandalism.

Last summer, the Society began working at the Roselawn Cemetery and hopes to have the project completed by this fall. Gladstone says that volunteers are needed to help on Roselawn Blitz Day, May 31.

The Canadian Genealogical Society, which is affiliated with Canadian Jewish Congress, will host the 12th annual International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy in June 1993 which will bring hundreds of Jewish genealogists to Toronto from around the world.

To volunteer for the Roselawn Blitz Day or for more information about the Society, call (416) 964-2196 or write to P.O. Box 446, Station A, Willowdale, Ont., M2N 5T1.

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Henry Jackman, lieutenant governor of Ontario and patron of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada, has officially declared April to be Parkinson Awareness Month in Ontario.

The Toronto chapter of the Parkinson Foundation of Canada invites all parkinsonians, their families and friends to attend the April meeting.

Dr. Adrian Upton, professor of neurology and biomedical sciences at McMaster University will speak on the topic "What Is Happening To Me?"

The meeting will take place on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Crown Life Building, 120 Bloor Street East, just east of the Bloor/Yonge subway station. Free parking is provided beneath the building — access west off Church, one block north of Bloor.

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Arts

Mizrahi blends superb show

By
PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Sephardic cultural events continue to blossom in this 500th anniversary year of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain. The latest contribution to the commemoration was the concert by tenor Alberto Mizrahi at the Leah Posluns Theatre sponsored by the Jewish Music Society of Toronto.

Mizrahi was accompanied by Michael Recchiuti on the piano and The Jewish Music Society Singers conducted by Gordon Kushner.

Originally advertised as an evening of Sephardic song, the concert proved to be a full-blown recital by an accomplished singer who created a demanding program for himself and his audience. The Sephardic music was only a fraction of the evening's entertainment as the tenor offered art songs, opera arias and cantorial music as well. Recitals usually demand the singer perform in three different landscapes; Mizrahi sang in seven.

Mizrahi's concert was entitled *From Spain to Jerusalem* and honored not only the expulsion, but the 25th anniversary of the reunification of Jerusalem. With such a broad base, the tenor could range freely in his choice of music, even including three Greek folk songs set as art songs which had no real relation to the events.

This writer was delighted by the scope of the recital although the audience seemed somewhat surprised by the eclectic mix of musical genres. Because he is both a chazzan and an opera singer and has garnered impressive international credentials in both, Mizrahi was able to carry off this demanding program with flare.

Tenor produces sweet sound

Although born in Greece, Mizrahi was raised in the United States. He is a big barrel-chested tenor who produces a surprisingly sweet yet spinto sound; he is also an interpreter who sings from the heart. Mizrahi is obviously relaxed on the stage and opted to chat with the audience informally as he introduced the numbers on his program. This set a relaxed tone for the evening and given the demands of some of his music choices, was needed to offset the fact that his selections might not be for all markets.

It is always exciting to discover new musical genres. For this writer, the Greek and Sephardic art songs were a revelation. An art song is taking text and setting it in a formal arrangement suitable for a recital. His two oratorio/opera selections — from Handel's *Judas Maccabeaus* and Halevy's *La Juive* — were sung with great feeling.

The cantorial music was given operatic flourish which included a particularly beautiful falsetto. The Sepharic songs were done at a toe-tapping clip while the Hebrew and Jewish music was suitably sung either with great emotion or with great humor, whichever was required.

The concert was enhanced by accompanist Recchiuti, himself a man of impressive credentials including being associate conductor of the New Jersey State Opera. Kushner's singers had great fun accompanying Mizrahi in several congregational songs in which the audience was invited to join in on as well.

In short, Mizrahi, with his charming manner and voice, clever programming and impressive interpretive powers knows how to put together an evening that is both entertaining and challenging.

Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Saving Remnants by Sara Bershtel & Allen Graubard (Maxwell Macmillan) $24.95 U.S.

The future of Judaism in North America is bleak. This is the disconcerting conclusion of the authors of this volume after interviewing an astonishing variety of American Jews.

The major problem is that what passes for religious belief is more often cultural or ethnic involvement; and what is truly religious attracts only a limited number of adherents. The mainstream Jewish community is "not susceptible to the appeal of Orthodoxy." Despite the numerous accounts of intellectuals, professionals, hippies and others finding their way back to Orthodoxy, this resurgence has not led to an increasing number of Orthodox Jews. "They have remained at a level that falls below 10 percent of the Jewish population."

At the same time the liberal and conservative approaches to Judaism cannot count on religious fervour to provide depth and intensity. They will continue to attract those who define identity essentially in cultural terms.

As American Jews undergo rapid acculturation, their ties to Judaism diminish rapidly. Synagogue membership has dropped below half the number of Jewish households, and, even for the diminishing number of members, synagogue attendance continues to decline. The proportion of Jewish youth receiving Jewish education is currently at an all-time low. Further, the quality of this education — aside from the growing day-school movement — is poor. "If not for the large numbers of Israeli immigrants needing jobs, the pool of Hebrew-school teachers would be almost dry."

There are approximately 100,000 ultra-Orthodox Jews in North America, with their main communities located in Brooklyn, and smaller groups in northern New Jersey, upstate New York, Boston, Chicago and Los Angeles. "The resurgence and revival among the ultra-Orthodox is found primarily in the Lubavitcher movement and is undoubtedly linked to their creative proselytizing. The mission of the group is to bring all Jews back to true Torah Judaism and so hasten the coming of the Messiah.

Those interviewed include not only the conventionally Jewish but those attracted to feminism, gay liberation, New Age movements and radical politics. How these diverse Jews identify with Judaism indicates the broad creative possibilities that exist for sharing in Jewish life. The future of the community may well be summed up by the Berkley radical who describes his two sisters: one is a Lubavitcher Chassid raising several children in London; the other, married to a Chicano, "has no interest in either Jewish or leftist political things."

On a more hopeful note the authors assure the reader that Judaism is not about to wither away despite long-term pessimistic predictions. They are sure, however, that "the future of American Jews will continue to be determined by the place that individualism, modernity, and choice afford to Judaism — not the other way around."

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Canadiana captured in Pachter exhibition

By
RON CSILLAG

BONN —

Charles Pachter continues his self-confessed love affair with Canada — in Europe.

Pachter's showing in the German capital of 30 of his most Canadian acylics-on-canvas has struck a chord here; the curious as well as the odd customer have steadily trickled in to see what European art fanciers doubtless regard as "typical" Canadiana.

But the Toronto-based artist has no regrets. He paints the Canadian flag, Mounties, moose in various poses and Queen Elizabeth not to reinforce hoary stereotypes about the Great White North but because he regards these images as icons of a homeland he loves.

But why is a good Jewish boy showcasing his best stuff in Germany?

"It's a long but nice story," the bearded, balding artist, 49, told *The CJN* at Bonn's famed Haus an der Redoute, an 18th century German bishop's private theatre, where Pachter's paintings will hang until the end of May.

His European odyssey started last fall, when the prestigious Centre d'Art Presence Van Gogh in Saint-Remy-de-Provence, France, agreed to stage a solo show of 45 pieces. Pachter was tickled because he's a great Van Gogh fan and Saint-Remy was where the master was institutionalized after he cut off his ear.

That exhibit ran until January and the French were impressed enough to name Pachter to the Chevalier de L'orde des arts et lettres, an honor he will collect at a ceremony this summer. Because so much effort had gone into shipping the works to the continent, Pachter was persuaded by Canadian Embassy officials in Paris to try for another European venue. The catalogue was mailed out to about a half-dozen galleries, and Bonn, through the work of the cultural attache at Canada's embassy there, said yes.

The German government picked up the tab for transporting most of the Saint-Remy pieces and several German companies with branches in Canada are sponsoring the show, which was opened earlier this month by Canada's ambassador to Germany, Thomas Delworth.

Charles Pachter

Pachter's trek through Europe will end in Bonn. Several of the works' owners who loaned the pieces for the shows are anxious to get their paintings back. Those owners include Bram and Bluma Appel and Moses Znaimer.

And to a visiting Canadian, these paintings are, well, quintessentially Canadian.

Pachter has rendered the Supreme Court of Canada in a work entitled "The Supremes" (no disrespect intended, he insists; in fact, Pachter says the justices liked it); one of a moose on a high diving board, another of Mounties solemnly carrying a Maple Leaf-draped coffin (prophetic, he says, considering Canada's current constitutional woes) and several somewhat abstract pictures of Her Majesty, for which he's been scolded at home for being irreverent.

These images "crystallize my feelings about Canada. I'm not anti-monarchist. I'm just playing with symbols," he explained.

Indeed, his depictions of the Canadian flag bear comparison to Jasper Johns' rendition of the Stars and Stripes and to Warhol's Campbell's Soup cans as examples of American icons.

Whatever the case, Pachter's maverick images go a long way toward curing any homesickness a Canadian visitor here may have.

Eye on Arts

An exhibition of paintings by Canadian artist Hannah Sandberg is running at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery, at the Oshawa Civic Centre until May 24. The public is invited to meet the artist at a reception on April 30 at 7 p.m.

Sandberg's paintings are grounded in folklore and biblical themes. Her intent in these works is to invoke the power and the beauty of the Bible: the result being light-filled symbolic abstractions.

The exhibition will include paintings of the Book of Ruth, the Book of Psalms, Exodus and Jeremiah. Sandberg was born in Israel and lived in England and the United States before coming to Canada.

For further information, contact Alexandra Morin at (416) 576-3000.

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Holy Blossom Temple's third and final concert in the musical heritage series takes place on Wednesday, May 27 at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Harvey Patterson, the Canadian Singers will present a program ranging from comedy to serious choral works, from folk songs and pop songs to the beautiful and haunting music of Srul Irving Glick. Karen Rymal, who accompanies the Singers, will also play two organ solos by Ben Steinberg.

In the last part of the concert, the Temple Singers will join the Canadian Singers in a number of folk favorites.

For tickets and information call Barbara at 789-3291.

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Elaine Clarfield-Gitalis

Elaine Clarfield-Gitalis will present her recent watermedia paintings in a solo show called Spectral Fantasies at the Link Gallery.

The collection of new work contains contemporary watermedia paintings on paper. Using bold colors and design, she has created images that celebrate the beauty of nature. Some paintings incorporate collage adding rich textures to the paintings.

The show will run everyday from May 27 through June 8. The Link Gallery is in the Civic Garden Centre in Edwards Gardens, 777 Lawrence Ave. E; the phone number is 397-1340.

For further information contact Clarfield-Gitalis at 889-7070 or 882-0152.

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The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, which runs from July 10-12 at City Hall's Nathan Phillips Square, is an opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind creations, ranging from the traditional to the outrageous, directly from the artists.

Entering its 31st year, this free event is expected to attract more than 100,000 visitors and 450 artists from Canada, the United States and Europe.

All applications are screened for originality and for quality by a jury of local artists, curators and art dealers.

Exhibitor information is available from the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Chalmers Building, 35 McCaul St. Toronto, M5T 1V7 or by calling (416) 408-2754.

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Artists who create Jewish ceremonial objects, or works based on Jewish themes, are sought for a new directory of Judaica artists.

Judaica News, a publication devoted to Jewish art, seeks to identify Judaica artists for its upcoming second annual directory. It invites listings from all artists who produce original, hand-crafted Judaic works. There is no charge for artists to receive a listing.

Artists should provide details about their work to Judaica News, P.O. Box 1130, Fair Lawn, N.J., 07410-8130 or call (201) 796-6151.

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Lenny Solomon, "The King of Shlock", has turned his talents in a new direction by forming the Jewish Cartoon Factory and its first production is an album entitled *The Kosher Police*. Based on the characters Friday and Shabbos, *The Kosher Police* details the battles of Detective Moe Friday and Detective Erv Shabbos in their fight against the fiendish Dr. I.M. Traif and his assistant Tzuris, in the town of Menschville.

The Kosher Police tape is available in local Judaica stores or by mail from Lenny Solomon at 114-41 Queens Blvd. 375, Forest Hills, N.Y. 11375.

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Atlantis Films Ltd. will produce *Howie!*, a comedy special starring Canadian Howie Mandel for the CBC and CBS television networks.

If successful, Atlantis will proceed with a half-hour series. The special will be filmed in Toronto and Los Angeles beginning this month.

Howie! will be a mixture of live performance, sketches, guest stars and live music.

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The Canadian feature film, *The Quarrel*, has won the Dame Judith Anderson Award for Best Picture at the Seventh Annual Santa Barbara Film Festival.

The Quarrel beat out over 100 films from 18 countries to win the award, the top prize at the international festival.

The film is a poignant and engaging story of the conflict and friendship that entwines two Holocaust survivors in post-war Montreal.

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YTV Canada Inc. hs commissioned the Quebec-based Cinar Group to produce a series of 10 one-minute vignettes promoting the province of Quebec to encourage Canadians to visit and holiday in their own country.

The vignettes will run through July 5.

Yiddish film a true morality play

When *God, Man and Devil* was released in 1949, Yiddish film production in the United States was winding down. It was, therefore, one of the last of the genre.

Based on a play by the renowned Jacob Gordin, it's a morality play with Faustian overtones, set in a remote village in the Czarist empire.

It was screened last week at the Leah Posluns Theatre by the Toronto Jewish Film Society.

God, Man and Devil, with a running time of 100 minutes, deals with such broad themes as piety, tradition, temptation and love. It brings to the fore richly-drawn characters redolent of the shtetl.

Film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

God, Man and Devil — a film with Faustian overtones.

The central character, Reb Hershalle Dubrovner (Mikhal Mikhalesko), is a Torah scribe who's famous for his diligence, wisdom and goodness. But one unusually cold winter night, fate intervenes as Reb Uriel Mazik (Gustav Berger) darkens his portal.

Mazik is Satan in disguise. He has made a wager with God that he can tempt, and corrupt, Hershalle with wealth. Hershalle initially resists the fortune of 50,000 rubles Mazik thrusts upon him and his barren wife, Pesenyu (Berta Gersten). But Mazik persists and Hershalle finally succumbs.

Having entangled Hershalle in his web of deceit, Mazik plays on his weaknesses. Against his better judgment, Hershalle divorces his childless wife of 20 years, and asks for the hand of his comely niece, Freida (Shifra Lehrer). He then goes into partnership with Mazik in the mass production of prayer shawls.

By marrying Freida, Hershalle devastates Pesenyu and humiliates Freida's former fiance, Motl (Joshua Zeldis). By opening a tallis factory, Hershalle unwittingly bankrupts his struggling competitors, including the kindly Khatskl Drakhme (Leon Schacter), Motl's father.

But Mazik's machinations are boundless. Coyly, he talks Freida into not having children. Freida, who's lonely as it is after her marriage to the money-mad Hershalle, pines for a happiness that is only in her dreams.

So Mazik not only brings grief to Freida. He corrupts Hershalle, wrecks the lives of Pesenyu and Khatskl, and creates a chasm between Hershalle and his father, Leyzer (Max Bozyk), who drinks too much.

Though produced on a shoestring, Seiden's melodrama is more often than not compelling. Seiden, who was one of the first directors of the Yiddish cinema (he founded Judea Films in 1929), knows how to captivate an audience, even with a minimum of action, a sparse set and less than ideal lighting.

The performances, albeit lacking in subtlety, pack a punch. Berger and Mikhalesko are outstanding. Gersten, who was one of the leading ladies of the Yiddish stage, acquits herself with dignity.

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Travel

There's nothing shabby about China

By
BARBARA KINGSTONE

BEIJING —

"I won't go until the plumbing catches up with me." "I'm not going anywhere if I have to get sick." These are just some of the quotes I've heard over the years when the idea of travelling to China has come up in conversation.

But you can retire these old myths to the back room now. Having just returned without even a queasy stomach or sneeze, I can attest that, in fact, visiting Beijing was one of the most exciting trips I've ever taken.

A lot, of course, as in most exotic trips, had to do with the hotel. Star rating is often ominous and each country seems to make their own declaration about the quality and often over-rated star system.

But the 5-star Hotel New Otani Chang Fu Gong proved to be exactly what it claimed. The ultramodern Chinese and Japanese joint venture is a sparkling, sqeaky-clean, 25-storied building . . . with the most up to the minute plumbing.

The 500-room hotel is located in the centre of Beijing on Jianguomen Wai Dajie and about a 20-minute walk to Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City. (By car about 5 minutes.)

Starting from the ground up . . . the lobby is a glass and marble spacious area with concierge desk and reception. What makes this so impressive is that the staff knows what they're doing and get it done quickly and efficiently.

The bar/tea area which is a few steps down and really part of the lobby is filled with music, often with a pianist as early as 8 a.m.

One of the most interesting parts of the day is first thing when the large Orchid Terrace, where breakfast is served, with its entirely glassed wall overlooking a stunning oriental garden becomes a performance venue.

What makes it different is not only the rock formations and falls but the two Tai Chi experts, young women, who do their routine from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Although there's a written invite for any guest to join in, during my stay I didn't see anyone willing to stretch, bend or balance.

Since English is spoken, it isn't difficult to ask and receive answers that are coherent and helpful.

As most travellers don't want to break up their exercise routine, many hotels have installed gyms. However, like everything else in China, this one is bigger and in this case, better, than most.

And if by some strange reason you haven't discovered that the Friendship Store or Silk Road market isn't far away, the downstairs shopping arcade will certainly do. Prices aren't any higher and you'll find fine cashmere garments, silk items, of course, Chinese whatnots and cloisonne. Both traditional and modren style well designed gifts are available.

Now for the rooms. Picture a huge bed with perfectly white crisp linens, a thermos filled with boiling water for the tray which is set with tea bags, china cups and saucers and tea pot, another thermos filled with ice water (even though there's a sign in each room saying that the water is safe to drink, this advisory is obviously not enough to encourage Westerners to take the plunge and drink).

Bathrooms are granite, the water boiling hot for that needed shower or bath after a long day of touring and a terry robe is hung on the door. Look into one of the drawers and there's neatly folded, fresh cotton Japanese-styled kimonas. Slippers are packaged in a plastic wrapper in the closet. The amenities are awesome. If you've left home without it, the bathroom basket will surely have it. Toothbrushes and toothpaste, shower gel, lotions and potions, shower cap and soap. Nothing is left out.

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TRAVEL TALK

By
LEN BUTCHER

Where do I start...?

Every time I go to **Israel** there's something new to see. Another archaelogical find. Another magnificent building like the soon-to-be-opened **Bible Lands Museum**. More restoration of historical sites. More land under cultivation. Breakthroughs in medical research...and the list goes on.

But most of all, the people. Those wonderful, warm, loud, opinionated, concerned, caring people whose souls are linked to the past while their spirit carves out the future.

I will be writing much more in detail about my trip to **Israel** in the coming weeks, but for now, as I try to keep my eyes open, I'll try not to bore you with a potpourri of thoughts about a country I have grown to love.

To start with, the flight on **El Al** was great. It may take a little longer to go through customs, but nothing gives you a better feeling then boarding a plane where everything humanly possible has been done to ensure your safety. Unfortunately, the plane was not full. All I can say to that is "Shame on you!"

If you're taking a cab anywhere in **Israel** either close your eyes or make sure you have a new battery in your pacemaker. This is not transportation for the weak of heart, even though I would readily sponsor any one of these drivers in the **Indy 500.** As my driver, **Kamikaze Cohen** told me as we rocketed through the streets of **Jerusalem,** "In **Canada** they teach defensive driving. In **Israel**, we teach offensive driving."

Seeing lineups of cars pulled to the side of the road with a crowd of **Israelis** pointing and taking pictures of water running in a stream, creek or river where water hasn't been seen in years.

Driving through the **Galilee** surrounded by a landscape so lush and green you think you're in **France.**

Listening to concert pianist **Isaak Tavior** playing **Chopin** and **Debussy** in the loft of his home high atop a hill in **Galilee** with a view of the world from his balcony.

Watching giant vultures give themselves up to the wind currents over **Gamla,** swooping and soaring in a scene that could have been choreographed by **Georges Balanchine.**

Having dinner with **Menachem** and **Bella Perelman** in their comfortable apartment in **Ramat-Gan.** This charming couple, in their 60s, who have lived in **Israel** since the late 40s, spoke passionately of their country and gave me as good an insight as any politician as to the mood of the country.

Eating one of the best meals I ever had at a vegetarian village (and I don't even like vegetables) and finding out the owner of the house--and cook--had taught school for one year in **Winnipeg** many moons ago.

Having an elderly **Druze** woman give me a bunch of flowers she was picking with her two daughters and three grandchildren. When she found out that I had lived for many years in **California** her face lit up and she asked: "I have a friend (giving me her name) in **Los Angeles**. Do you know her?"

Standing atop the **Golan Heights** and realizing the importance of keeping it in **Israeli** hands.

Strolling the markets of **Jerusalem** and **Tel Aviv** and wondering again why the radishes are as big as apples.

Visiting **Caesaria,** the **Beverly Hills** of **Israel,** and seeing what can be done if you plan a community.

Listening to **Russian** immigrants playing violins and even singing opera on the streets to earn money. But there are also many who are working in stores and hotels, as well as universities and big business. They will make it.

Feeling good that not one **Russian** immigrant would have to celebrate the **Passover** seder by him or her self.

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As I get ready to wrap up this reverie, I can't help but think of my meeting a number of years ago with **Isaac Tunik,** the state controller of **Israel,** who talked to me about the spirit of the country and its people. **Tunik,** now dead, had lived in **Israel** for 50 years. When I asked him if he ever thought it possible to accomplish what **Israel** had done, he said: "Everything is possible in **Israel.** We are a country of dreamers. But we make our dreams come true."

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Top ski resort found in Israel

By
DEBBIE JOSEFSON

MOUNT HERMON —
When most people think of vacationing in Israel, dreams of endless sands, beaches, antiquities or sites of religious significance entice them. Few people think of Israel as a winter wonderland sporting snow capped peaks and a ski resort on par with international standards.

But Mount Hermon, Israel's northernmost point, is just that. On the border between Israel, Syria and Lebanon, Mount Hermon, at 2224 metres (7340 feet) is Israel's highest mountain and appropriately snow peaked all year round.

In 1972, members of Moshav Neve Ativ decided to take advantage of this snowy resource and opened a small ski lift. A moshav is a socialist form of communal living which resembles a kibbutz in that some enterprises are community run with profit sharing, but differs from the communist ethic of kibbutzim by allowing private ownership as well.

The 20 years that have passed since Moshav Neve Ativ built a ski lift at the foot of the mountain have seen the evolution of the site into a full fledged ski resort. Twelve kilometres of trails now grace the slopes and four ski lifts operate to bring skiiers to trails suiting their level of expertise.

Beginner, intermediate and expert tracks are available and a snow-making machine is being experimented with to supplement nature's bounty. For those who can't ski, a ski school, boasting both European-trained and homegrown Hermon skiing teachers, provides instruction. All necessary equipment can be rented on the spot, and four cafeterias serve the hungry holiday maker with hot chocolate and hearty meals.

In addition, a visitor's lift brings the nonskiing pedestrian to the summit of Mount Hermon, where, on a clear day, one can see both Damascus, Syria (a mere 47 km away) and Lebanon.

Because of its strategic location, Mount Hermon has seen action in both the Six Day and Yom Kipur wars.

In addition to its military and geographic significance, Mount Hermon is also one of the three main sources of the Jordan River.

Crisp mountain air

It's journey from the foothills of Mount Hermon to the Dead Sea entails a drop of 792 metres (2640 feet). In the parched environment of the Middle East, adequate supplies and control over water resources are essential, and are one of the issues that wars are traditionally fought over. Clearly, any peace settlement should be preceded by or include an agreement on the equitable distibution of water resources. But the harsh reality of tribal and Arab-Israeli conflict is rightly distant from the minds of tourists in the Hermon region.

The Upper Galilee is blessed with crisp mountain air, stunning views, Crusader fortresses, archaelogical sites and nature reserves. Moreover, a closer look at the region reveals co-operative efforts between Israel and its neighbors as well.

Perhaps nothing epitomizes the paradoxical situation of Mount Hermon as both a vacationer's paradise and a strategic locale more than the sight of UN personnel blissfully skiing it slopes. Three years ago, the Mount Hermon ski resort offered a special Sunday skiing package to members of the UN. If you're lucky enough to be at Hermon on a Sunday, you can catch a glimpse of UN soldiers taking a break from boring border patrols to ski at the only functional ski resort in the Middle East.

Upper Galilee tour

A trip to Mount Hermon can be advantageously coupled with a general tour of the Upper Galilee. On the way up, one can stop at Tiberias, home of the Kinneret or Sea of Galilee.

Alternatively, one may stop in Sefat, a focal point for generations of scholars, mystics and artists and birthplace of the Kabbala, Judaism's book of mysticism. Some believe that the Messiah will stop in Sefat before heading to Jerusalem. For the secular among us, horseback riding among the ruins of antiquity is available both in Tiberias and Sefat.

Heading up to Mount Hermon, a side-trip to the Hula and Banyas nature reserves is a must for birdwatchers. Here, thousands of birds migrating between Europe, Asia and Africa stop to drink the cool waters of the Banyas, dip in its waterfalls, or wallow with water bufffalo in the swamps of Hula.

If you do decide to ski Mount Hermon, consider one of the bed and breakfast ski packages offered by the resort. Two to four day deals are available and one can choose to stay at Moshav Neve Ativ or one of three kibutzim in the Upper Galilee. The kibbutzim provide guesthouses with the comforts of a hotel and simultaneously provide the guest with a glimpse of kibbutz life.

A two-day, one-night ski package at a kibbutz guesthouse, including bed and breakfast, lift ticket and full equipment rental is 180 shekels, or about $90. Four-day, three night deal will cost 602 shekels or about $300. Rates are slightly cheaper at the Moshav and go up considerably on weekends when the slopes are packed.

In any case, skiing at Mount Hermon is an experience not to be missed. Margara Melloul, a moshav member who works at the resort, claims that "If you can ski Hermon, you can ski anywhere."

So if you're heading to Israel, make Mount Hermon a stop on your interinary.

Hatzeva Field School studies Negev Desert's problems

By
LYNN PORITZ

JERUSALEM (WZPS) —
On a typically dry, hot afternoon in an Arava farmhouse, when all but the staunchest desert denizens have sought shelter from the torrid Negev heat, a Hatzeva farmer talks of the mores of the Arabian babbler with as much ease as a housewife might discuss the price of tomatoes.

Lofty discourse? Not especially. In the Arava, a southern stretch of desert settled with kibbutzim and moshavim and home to the Sheizaf Nature Reserve, many of the settlers know what flies, creeps or crawls out from under just what rock, thanks to the lectures and guides from the Hatzeva Field School.

On first glance, the reserve looks as desolate as an empty sand box. There are no herds of huge elephants, no awesomely high peaks, and no kitchy souvenir stands on its 38,000 dunams of low hills and gravel terraces. But look a bit closer and a fascinatingly ugly Egyptian dabb lizard lazily slinks in and out of his subterranean home; short, graceful gazelle leap across your path; and zoologist Giora Ilany floats by in an ultra light plane on the lookout for lizard.

"There's no gimmick here," says Rami Kushner, head of the Hatzeva Field School, which may explain why each year only some 10 percent of the school's 20,000 overnighters and 1,000 daytrippers visit the reserve. Those who do, however, are intrigued by the ancient terrain.

But to be best appreciated, this particular patch of the Rift needs some explaining, for while most Israelis are on first name terms with just about everyone, this familiarity rarely extends to animals of the wild. Advises Dr. Amos Zahavi, founder of the Hatzeva Field School, "the wonders are not obvious and the animals are a bit shy."

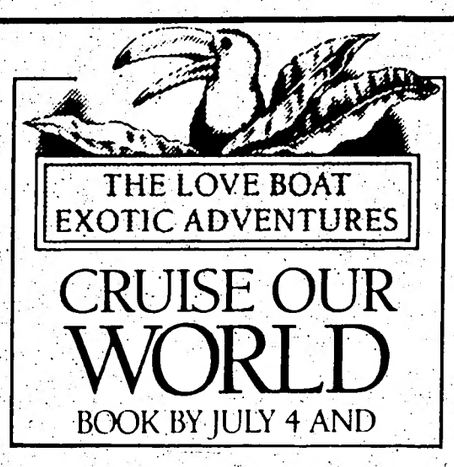
Natural phenomenon studied

Run by the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, the school offers lectures, hikes and jeep tours in Hebrew as well as camps in English consisting of hiking, scientific lectures and independent study on the problems of the desert. Dedicated to developing a "feeling of belonging to nature," the school enables academics to study natural phenomena, and students, children and adults to familiarize themselves with the great outdoors.

The Field School's snake house, with its collection of local reptiles, is usually visited at night, where with the aid of a torch one can view the slitherers in their natural habitat. Other nocturnal stalkers include the hyena, the caracal desert cat (noted for its long ears), the wild cat, which is a bit larger than its domesticated cousin and the sand cat (said to be the smallest feline in the world). Their caves and those of the foxes and wolves appear like black holes set against the canyon ridges.

Scientists at the school are housed in unusual hexagonal bungalows, and a hostel has accommodation for 180 additional visitors. A pleasant, chlorinated, unnatural oasis, the huge Moshav Hatzeva swimming pool is available to all visitors and a picnic are shaded by "umbrella" acacias is planned.

However, it is nature in its most primitive that draws the visitors. And, aside from the good fences which bar vehicles, the reservoir, the single paved road, and the lookout point the Sheizaf is a microcosm of the desert as it was thousands of years ago.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Israeli bank services outlined

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —
Israeli banks have been an important part of the Toronto banking community for more than 10 years.

According to Bill Randle, assistant general counsel for the Canadian Banker's Association, the three Israeli banks in Toronto, Israel Discount Bank, Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim do not offer the full range of services available in the large Canadian Banks but they are able to fulfil many essential banking requirements.

Bank Hapoalim (Canada), here since 1982, has its Toronto office in First Canadian Place and other offices in such places as Montreal, Boston, New York, Brazil and Chile.

Marie Correia, manager of commercial banking services, says that Bank Hapoalim (Canada) is mainly a corporate bank which means it limits its personal service to such things as wire transfers, term deposits, RRSPs and money market savings accounts based on the Treasury Bill rate. The bank's currrent accounts are restricted to corporations.

She says that because Canadian law does not allow foreign banks to operate branches in Canada, Bank Hapoalim (Canada) is a separate subsidiary from Bank Hapoalim in Israel and operates as a Canadian bank under Canadian law. Customers with accounts in Israel, however, can deal with a representative office in Toronto or Montreal. "This office works like an agent for customers outside of Canada and can arrange for transfers or information."

Bank Leumi Le-Israel (Canada), with its head office at 3055 Bathurst St., has been in Canada for 10 years. Other offices are in Montreal and in several cities in the United States. Like Bank Hapoalim (Canada), Bank Leumi Le-Israel (Canada) is mostly a corporate bank with no credit cards, personal loans or regular checking and savings accounts.

Charmaine Arruda, control officer, says that the bank does offer RRSPs, term deposits and wire transfers. Savings accounts are restricted to anyone with a minimum balance of $5,000. Again, because of Canadian laws, there is no computer link-up with Bank Leumi in Israel but wire transfers are available to anyone with an account in Israel.

Israel Discount Bank of Canada, at 150 Bloor St. W., was incorporated here in 1982 and has other offices in such places as South America, New York and Switzerland.

Vice-president, Manfred Gerstung, says that Israel Discount Bank of Canada offers such services as commercial lending to existing businesses, term deposits, letters of credit, a foreign exchange service and accounts for anyone with a $10,000 minimum balance.

He says that although the bank does attract mostly Jewish clientele, "we do have customers from all over the map. We provide good individual service and a friendly atmosphere. We do not discriminate against anyone who wants to do business with us."

Gerstung says that those who want to arrange services from an account in Israel must arrange for a telex to be sent from Israel.

New RoundTable to concentrate on Canadian culture

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Holtzman adds: "The CRT not only caters to on-line service users across Canada — it's for anyone who is interested in learning more about Canada. Because GEnie is an international service, people living in Koln, Germany, Phoenix, Arizona or Osaka, Japan, will be able to access the CRT, and to interact with Canadian GEnie users."

Holtzman expects the CRT to be a rapid success. "Judging by the feedback we've had to date," he says, "it looks as though it will be very big!"

The New RoundTable will provide GEnie users with the opportunity to voice their opinions on Canadian issues, and to obtain information on a range of Canadian-oriented topics. Categories include: news and politics; sports; travel; art and culture; the Canada-United States relationship; "en francais," which includes a French tutorial and several other segments conducted in French; and "The Great White North" (including a segment on Canadian jokes). The RoundTable will also expand to include other categories as demand arises. Other topics such as industry, science and technology and Indian and native affairs are already under consideration.

Ontario market

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Correction

In the issue of Feb. 13, the article entitled "Dead Sea skin care line is popular" incorrectly reported a fact. The piece stated that the Steinman's are the first distributors of the Ahava Skin Care line in Canada and this is not the case. The CJN regrets the error.

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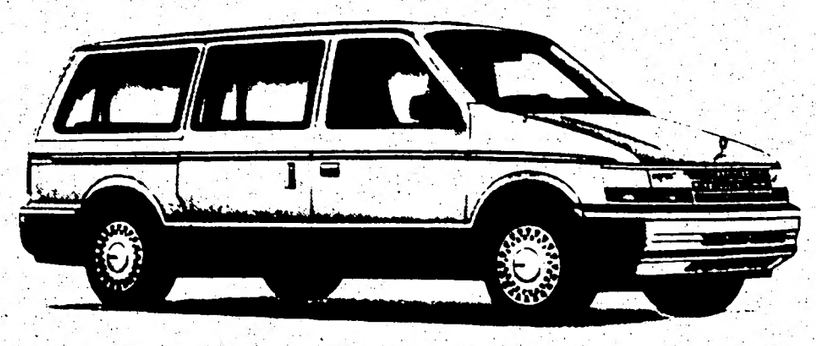

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"ONE OF A KIND" — SECLUDED 5.2 ACRE Bridle Path Estate with ravine, pool and tennis ct. $5,500,000. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

THE BRIDLE PATH — CONTEMPORARY LIVING for the ultra sophisticated. Fabulous master wing, indoor pool, 2 acres. $4,380,000. E. Kalles 488-4488.

$2,875K. ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR HOMES in Bayview. 7,000 sq. ft. total luxury, design decor. 4 car gar. S. Stern/A. Carmona 488-4488.

ALDERBROOK DR. TOTALLY RESTORED Contemporary showplace. Fin. lower level, w/o to pool & in-law suite. $1,280,000. Elise Kalles 488-4488.

LUXURY PENTHOUSE 3,000' The ultimate condo. 3 bdrm. + sol. + fam. rm. + f.p. + granite flrs. New kit. 4 pkng. South exp. R. Saks 441-2888.

$699,000. GREAT FAMILY HOME. Super 4 bdrm reno. Sunny south lot. 70 x 170. Close to schools, shopping. A must see! Call Joan Soble 488-4488.

1ST AD! UNDERHILL $459K. Large 5 bdrms., main flr. lib. & sun rm. New kit. & baths, 2 fplcs., excellent cond. Inground pool. Marilyn Feldman 441-2888.

BATH.-FINCH "SAVOY" Lux. condo corner unit. 1,830 sq. ft. Lge. entertaining space. Fab. master ste. 3 baths. Magn. view. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

$259,900. YONGE-JOHN TOWNHOUSE. Bright, eat-in kit., 3 bdrms. Family rm. w/o. CAC, cent. vac. D. Ruscica 488-4488 or A. Taylor 441-2888.

CONSERVATORY BATH.-CLARK $239K. 2 bdrms., 2-4 pc. baths. Lge. LR-DR, sol., fab. kit. with window balc. Rec. centre. Gert Kerbel 488-4488.

BATHURST/CENTRE Superb 4 br. fab. master, gorgeous ensuite, main fam. rm., prof. fin. low. lev, maid's qtrs. Quiet street. Elaine Chelin 441-2888.

BATHURST/THE SAVOY! 449K, magnif. Penthouse 2,600 sq. ft. w/2 balconies, 3+ bdr, fab. views, upgrades + + + F. Novack 441-2888.

$629,000 MOST STUNNING MODERN HOME on best st. in Bathurst Manor, 4 br, fam. rm., w/o bsmt, exc. condition. R. Greenberg/A. Carmona 488-4488.

1ST AD! BAYVIEW YORK MILLS Superb updated 4 bdrm bung. w. mn. fl. fam. rm., huge lot in best location $749,000. Barbara Kreiger 441-2888.

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AVENUE RD. - UCC $485,000! Special 3 storey, 4 bdr., 3 bath home, mbdr. on 3rd w/ens., gourmet eat-in kitch, frpl, cac + + + A. Dlouha 488-4488.

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2 storey, fin. bsmt, side entrance, leaded glass, new kitchen, shows great! *Norm Hartzman 764-7200

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Detached bungalow in super location, fin. bsmt. *Mary Fenyes 764-7200

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3 bdrms, hdwd fls, air, side entry to basement apt, appls. *Neil Shore 764-7200

LUXURY SEMI OFF YORK HILL BOULEVARD
Backs park, skylight, fireplace, move-in condition! Must sell! *Cila Fleischmann 764-7200

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Multi level 4+1 bdrm split level home + income bsmt $560/mo., sep. entry, steps to all! *H. Skopitz 764-7200

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BATHURST & CLARK "CONSERVATORY" LOADED!
Lux. 2,200' unit, 2 baths, huge rms, hdwd, marble, 3 parking, 3 lockers, ultra mod kit, thousands in upgrades, vacant! **Berta Kogan 764-7200

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Best maintained complex, 3 bdrms, large kit, fin. w/o bsmt, air, strip hdwd. *Pam Chiotti 764-7200

REDUCED TO SELL $169,900 BATHURST & STEELES
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$1,250,000. Breathtaking el... SOLD ...stunning renovation. Splendid 3rd. flr. master suite, ...y rm. *C. Cotton/*D. Taylor.

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OLD FOREST HILL RD.
$899,000. Gracious 4 BR. + library, 3 baths, greenhouse + w/o to pool/Jacuzzi, fin. Hevel. CAC. Dble. garage. *Elayne Wortsman.

FOREST RIDGE
$798,000. Upper Village. 4 BR., newly renovated kitchen, w/o to pool, mn. flr. fam. rm. & den, fin. l-level. CAC. *Linda Rose.

UPPER VILLAGE — JUST REDUCED!
NOW $525,000. Splendidly updated 2-stry., 4 BR., large master with ensuite, spacious princ. rms., White kitchen. *Gayle Mitchell.

JUST REDUCED — BRIAR HILL
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BATHURST/WILSON — NOW ONLY —
$244,000. 3 bdrm. bungalow w/in-law apt., fam. size renov. kit., garage. 3 min. walk to shops, TTC. Marilyn Feldman 449-2020.

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$355,000. 41x172, 3 bdrms. 2 baths, mn. flr. fam. rm., cent. air, hdwd. flrs., renov. kit. and bath, nanny's rm. A must see! D. Lehberg 487-4343.

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$358,000. Leslie/Steeles, Wycliffe built, hdwd. flrs. throughout. Pie-shaped rear garden. 4 bdrms. + extended dining rm. Heather Sherman 449-2020.

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$364,900. Quiet wonderful child safe st. 3 bdrms. 2 baths, renov. eat-in kit., hdwd. flrs. on mn. 42x125, central air. D. Lehberg 487-4343.

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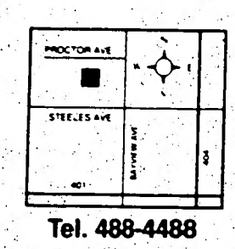

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Weiss, Margaret on March 30, 1992, late of 85 Rockford Rd.
Berman, Martin on April 5, 1992.
Blackstein, Ida on March 31, 1992, late of 21 Bryant Street.
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Foster, Samuel on April 4, 1992, late of 6171 Bathurst St., #1107.
Grossman, Arlene Sandra on April 1, 1992, late of 181 Castlegate Cres.-Waterloo.
Isacoff, Samuel on April 2, 1992.
Keslassy, Jacob on April 1, 1992, late of 4383 Bathurst St., #608.
Rosenbaum, Abraham on March 31, 1992, late of 3636 Bathurst St., #1710.
Solish, Louie on April 5, 1992, late of 6 Tudor Gate.
Vanek, Nina on April 5, 1992, 115 Antibes Dr.
Chriqui, Liliane on April 7, 1992, late of 102 Emmeloord Crescent.
Fox, Joseph on April 8, 1992.
Freedman, May on April 7, 1992.
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Harry Caplan on Mar 30/92, late of 333 Clark Avenue #511.
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Bella Milrad on Mar 29/92, late of 82 Buttonwood.
Zalman Finkelstein on Mar 31/92, late of 115 Antibes Drive #107.
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Jacob Goldblatt on Apr 1/92, late of 3636 Bathurst Street #1009.
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Hannah Smith on Apr 1/92, late of 644 Sheppard Avenue East #1221.
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Marion Bacon on Apr 6/92, late of 177 Forest Hill Road.
Soll Silverberg on Apr 7/92, late of 107 Wild Briarway.
Zelda Wyngust on Apr 7/92, late of 63 Baycrest Avenue.
Anne Sable on Apr 7/92, late of 6250 Bathurst Street.
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Richmond, Lionel on April 10, 1992, late of 19 Meadowbrook Rd., #3.
Vekselshtein, Hinda on April 7, 1992, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #723.
Wells, Harry on April 8, 1992.
Yakubovitch, Solomon on April 12, 1992, late of 330 Hillhurst Blvd.

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56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Workman's Circle Section
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INTERFAITH FEMINIST SEDER

At the interfaith feminist seder, sponsored by Women in Interfaith Dialogue, is (from left) Mariam Priemer, Interfaith Dialogue chairman; Marilyn Wainberg, president of B'nai Brith Canada; and Sister Audrey Doetzel, director of Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, New York. Rabbi Sharon Sobel of Holy Blossom Temple, chaired the liturgy committee and guided over 250 participants through the rituals. The seder was co-sponsored by the League for Human Rights, the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto and Relation and Encounter, Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

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Teen's unusual 'gift' a real mind-opener

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"At first, everyone wanted to be Oren's friend," says father Rony, "and people started turning up at our home in the hope that Oren would reveal something to them, touch them, or heal them."

His classmates, once intimidated, are now relatively comfortable with Oren and his abilities. Surprisingly, they have never tried taking advantage of his talents.

However, weekly performances at the "November" night-club in Old Jaffa allow Oren's talents free reign. Blindfolded and seated with his back to the audience, Oren describes audience members and how they're dressed, giving phone numbers and other personal details listed on their ID cards. He also bends spoons, can move the hands of a wrist watch and light a torch simply by concentrating.

Often referred to as "the little wonder worker," Oren's abilities were spotlighted some two years ago when a reporter from Japanese television came to interview him. Oren travelled to a location in Jerusalem, while his father went with the reporter and a translator to Tel Aviv. Successfully "reading" the serial number of a 50 shekel note the reporter was holding, along with the positioning of the box he placed it in (there were 50 empty film boxes on the table), the reporter was dumbfounded.

In December 1991, Oren appeared on a television show and amazed audience members and home viewers by cracking the code of an "uncrackable" police safe used for keeping weapons. During his performance, the studio was bombarded with telephone calls from viewers who had experienced a variety of strange sensations: broken clocks that suddenly began ticking and watches and clocks stopped entirely.

One woman's wristwatch simply popped off her hand. Another viewer phoned to say that her spoon bent of its own accord inside her coffee cup. Strange things also happened with electricity. One household suffered a complete power failure during the show and the Electricity Company maintains that it was not due to any central power failure. The Electricity Company also noted that there was an unusual and dramatic rise in the demand for electricity during the show.

"It's natural to be skeptical," says Rony. "Oren was in first grade when I discovered his abilities. "He came to me one day and told me to take a bill from my pocket. He then proceeded to tell me the serial number. I was sure he was playing some sort of trick on me," he recalls. "I told him to go into the next room and said, 'I'll touch objects. See if you can tell me which ones.' He looked at me and said, 'You think I'm trying to fool you, but I know everything you're thinking.' He went into the next room and I touched different objects. He knew everything I touched."

The only rationalization behind Oren's powers, says Rony, is the headaches that Oren suffered at age four and a half. Doctors were of no help and X-rays showed nothing. The doctors concluded that Oren was perfectly healthy and that the headaches would go away in time. They disappeared the following year.

While Oren has spent much of his life in the entertainment world, his father and manager help him lead as normal a life as possible. He attends a traditional Jewish school "so that he'll learn about his roots and why we celebrate the holidays," says Rony. "These basics are not as ingrained in a secular school."

Spending so much time together has acted as a positive influence, and no doubt affected the father-son relationship and their telepathic bond. "I do feel very connected to him," smiles Rony. "Once people would say 'That's Rony's son.' Now they say, 'That's Oren's father'."

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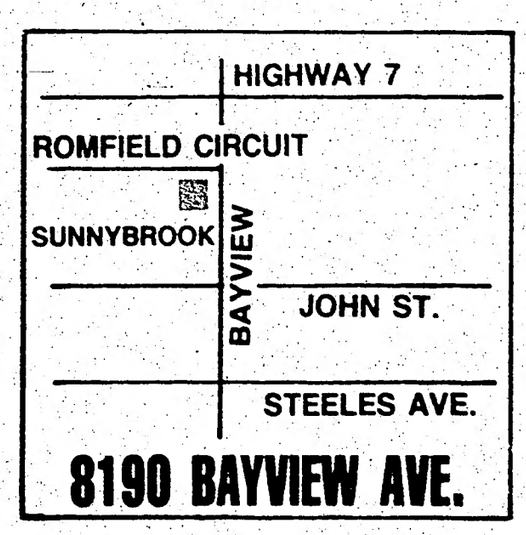

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